

# Graph Neural Networks for fast emulation of nuclear interaction models

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# Nuclear interaction models

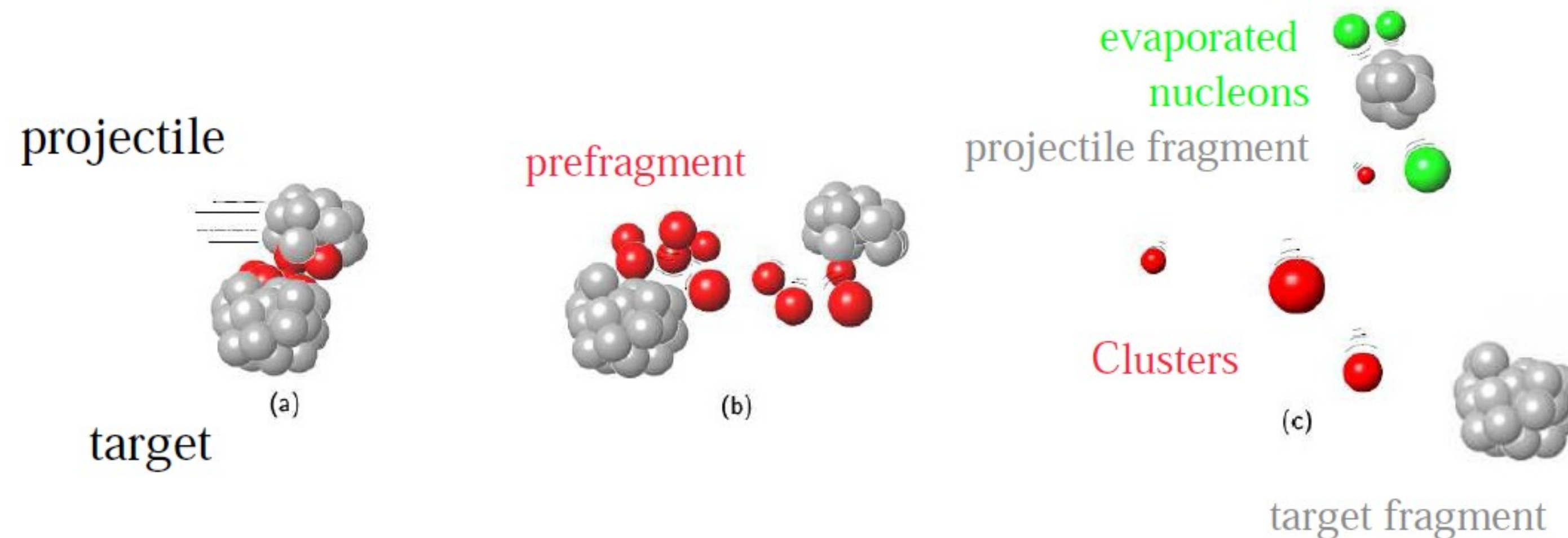
## In Geant4

- Nuclear interaction models are **slow**
- In particular the most sophisticated ones e.g. **QMD**



**Trade off** between computing **time** and **precision**

Use simpler models



# Problems in Geant4 below 100 MeV/u

No dedicated model to nuclear interaction **below 100 MeV/u** in Geant4

- **Exp. data**
- **G4-BIC**
- **G4-QMD**

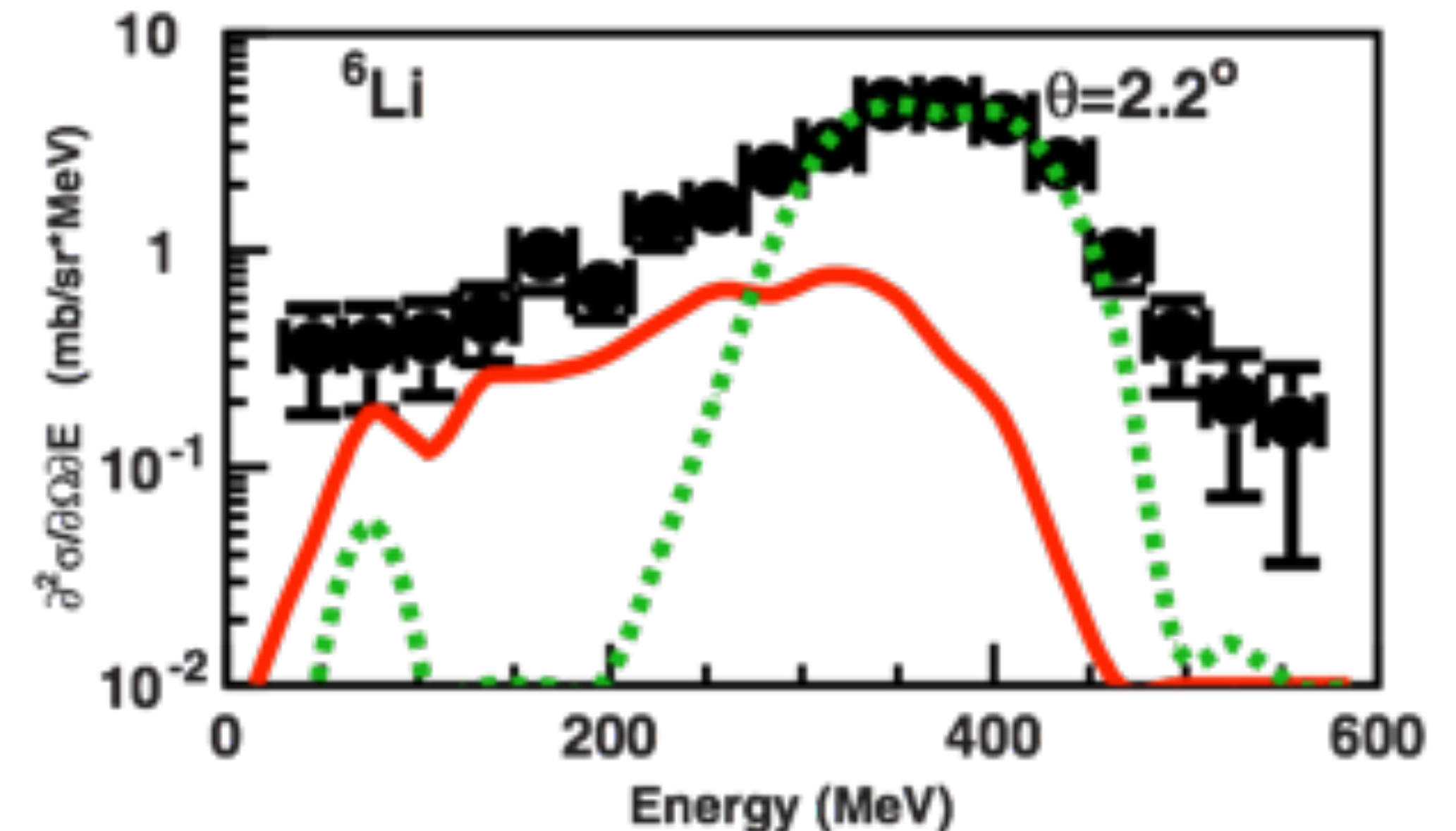
[Plot from De Napoli et al. Phys. Med. Biol., vol. 57, no. 22, pp. 7651–7671, Nov. 2012]

Many papers showed discrepancies:

**Braunn et al.** : one order of magnitude in  $^{12}\text{C}$  fragmentation at 95 MeV/u on thick PMMA target

**De Napoli et al.** : angular distribution of the secondaries emitted in the interaction of 62 MeV/u  $^{12}\text{C}$  on thin carbon target

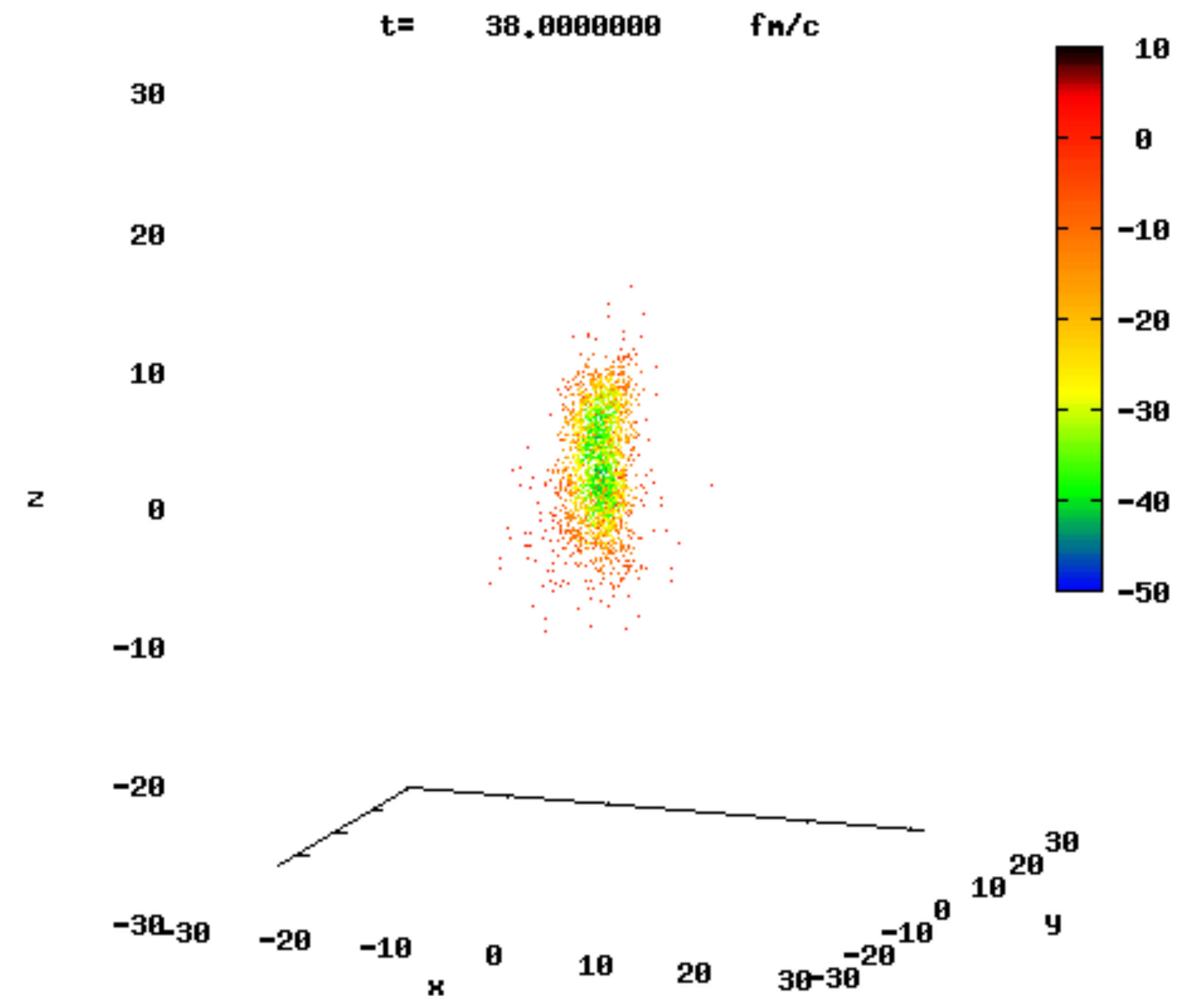
**Dudouet et al.** : similar results with a 95 MeV/u  $^{12}\text{C}$  beam on H, C, O, Al and Ti targets



Cross section of the  $^6\text{Li}$  production at 2.2 degree in a  $^{12}\text{C}$  on  $^{nat}\text{C}$  reaction at 62 MeV/u.

# BLOB (Boltzmann-Langevin One Body)

- Test-particle approach
- Self-consistent **mean field** + collisions
- Probability to find a nucleon in the phase space





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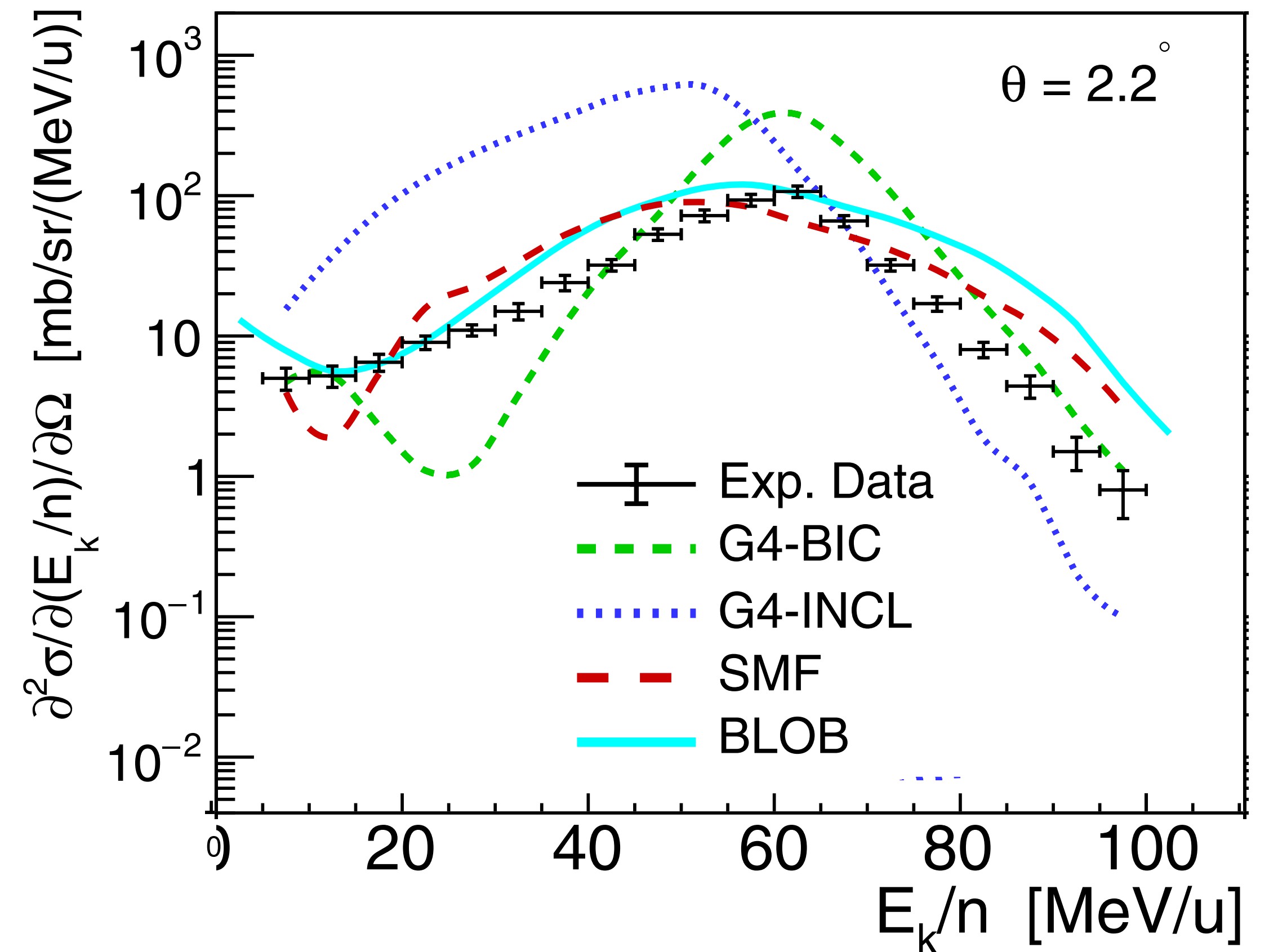
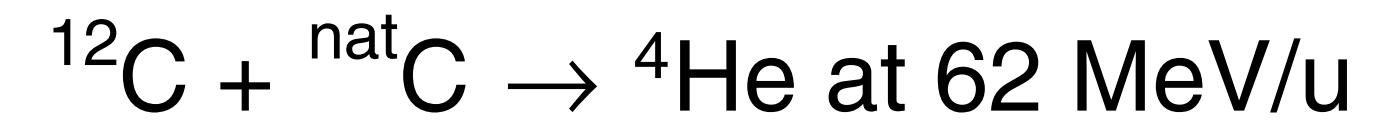
We interfaced BLOB with Geant4 and its de-excitation model

[C. Mancini-Terracciano et al. Preliminary results coupling “Stochastic Mean Field” and “Boltzmann-Langevin One Body” models with Geant4. In: Physica Medica 67 (2019), pp. 116–122. doi: 10.1016/j.ejmp.2019.10.026.]

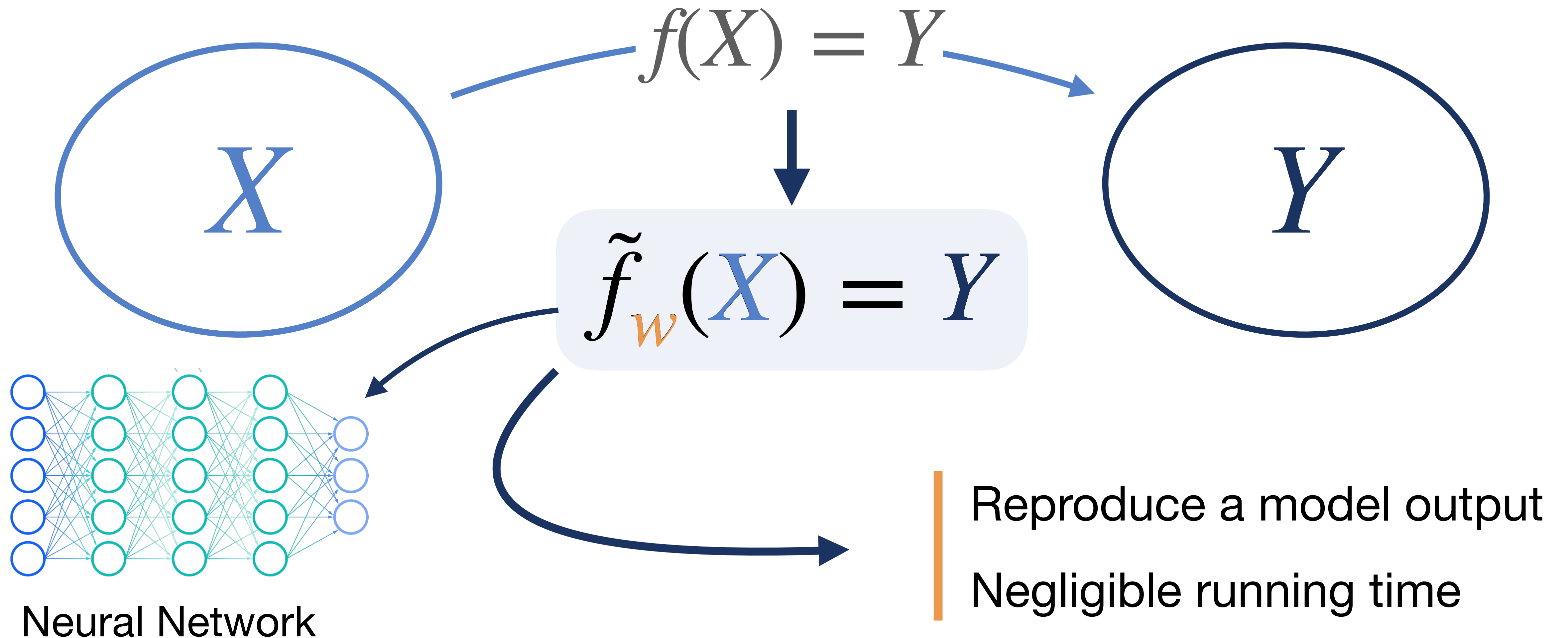
Accurate

Slow

Order of minutes per interaction!



# Deep Learning to emulate NIMs





# Complex Physics Simulations

Sanchez-Gonzalez, Alvaro, et al. "Learning to simulate complex physics with graph networks." *International Conference on Machine Learning*. PMLR, 2020.

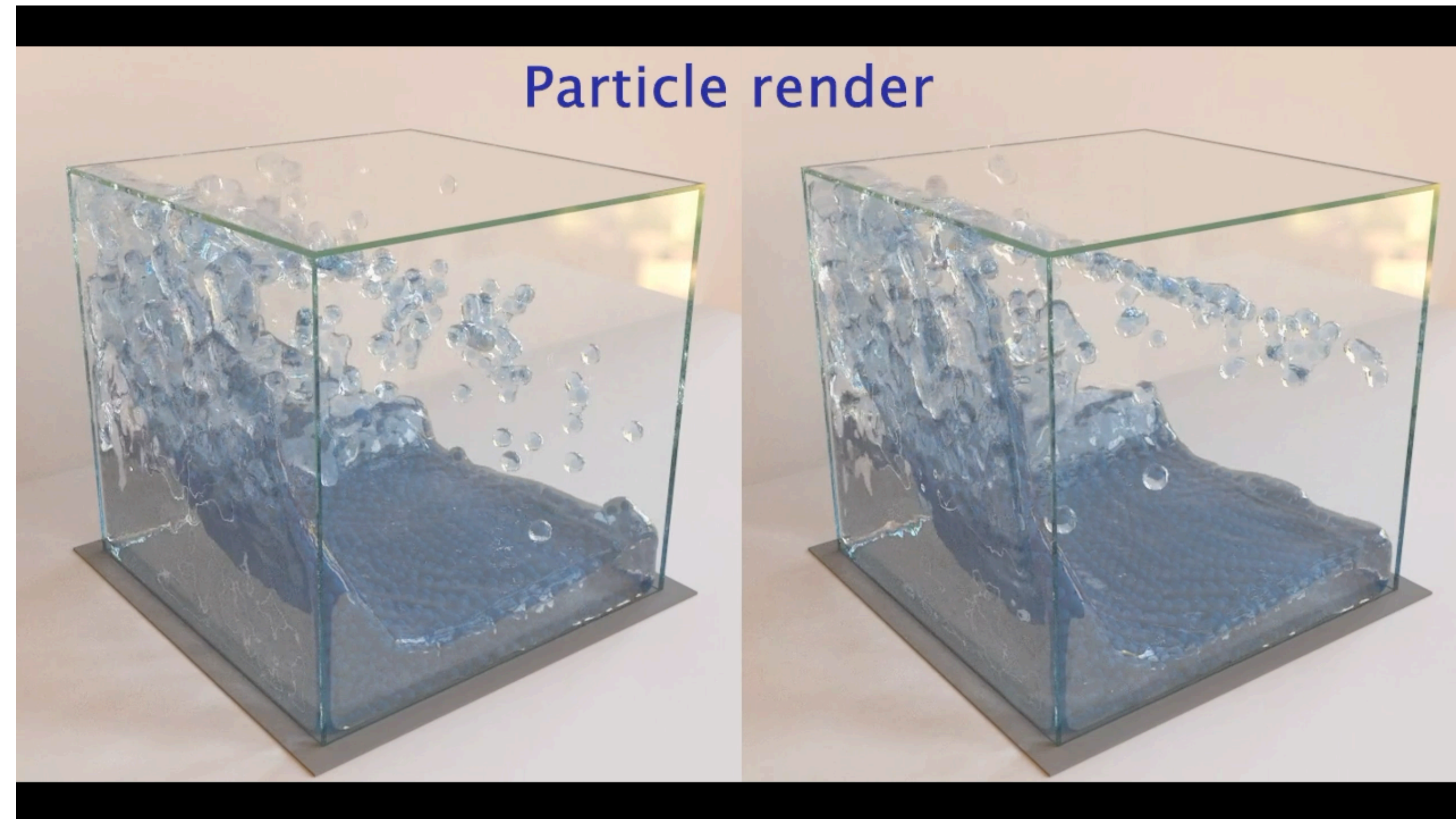
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.09405>

## Github

[github.com/deepmind/deepmind-research/tree/master/learning to simulate.](https://github.com/deepmind/deepmind-research/tree/master/learning%20to%20simulate)

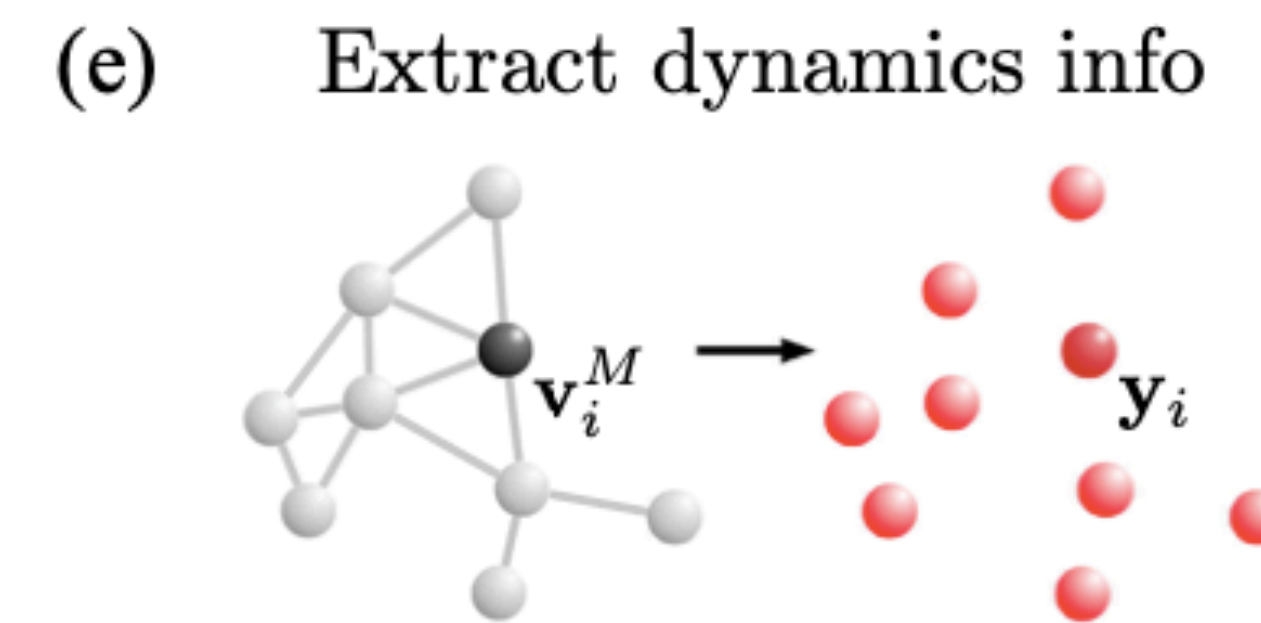
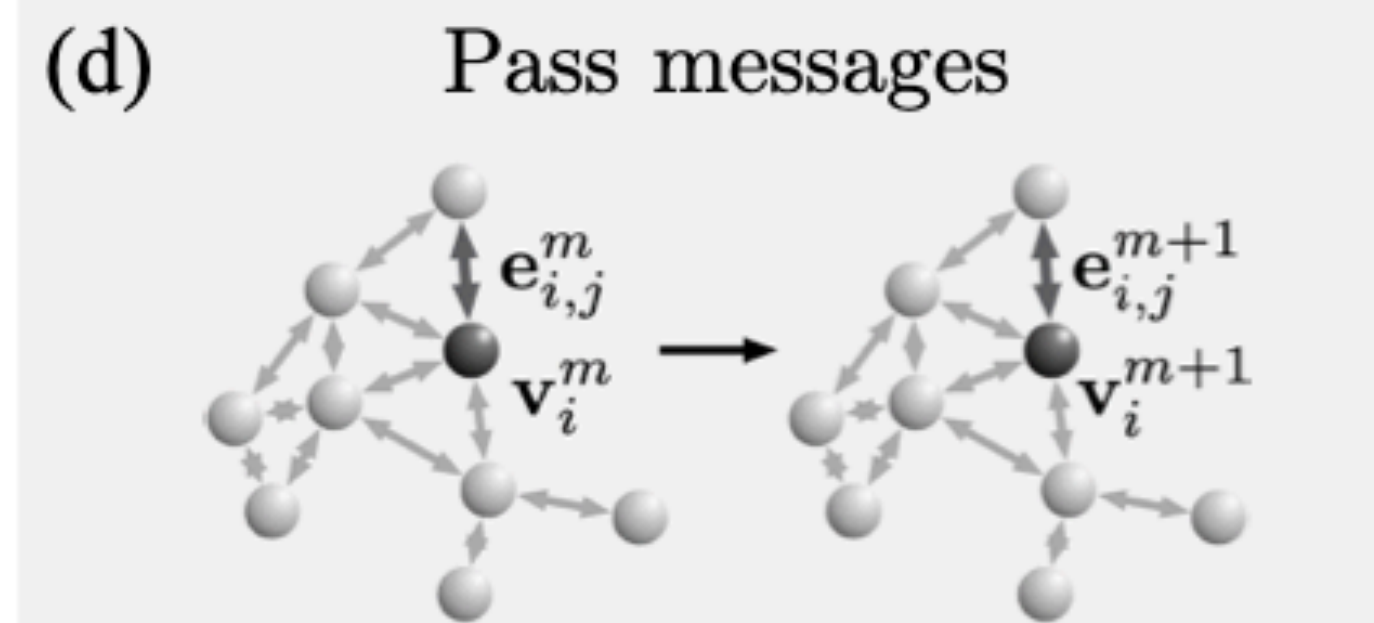
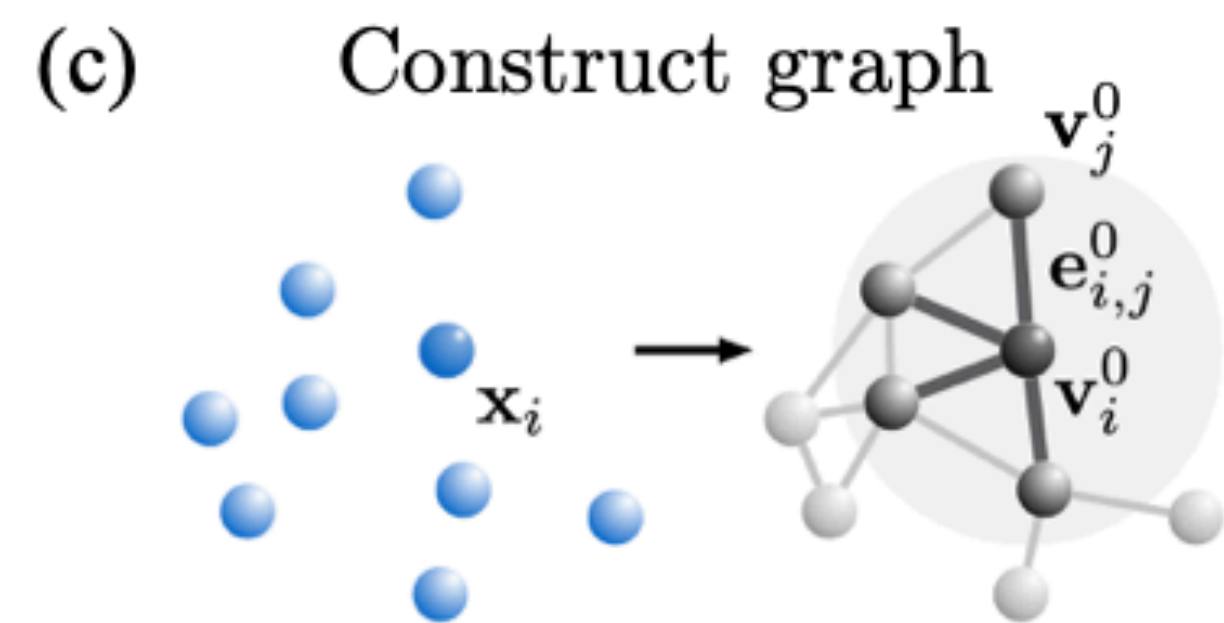
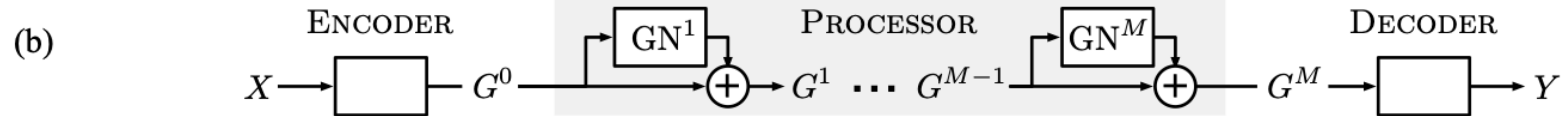
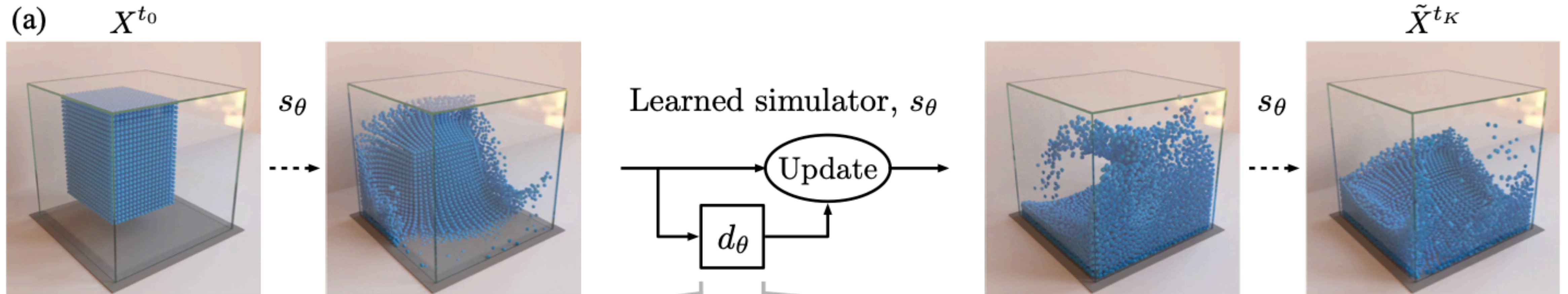
## Videos

<https://sites.google.com/view/learning-to-simulate>





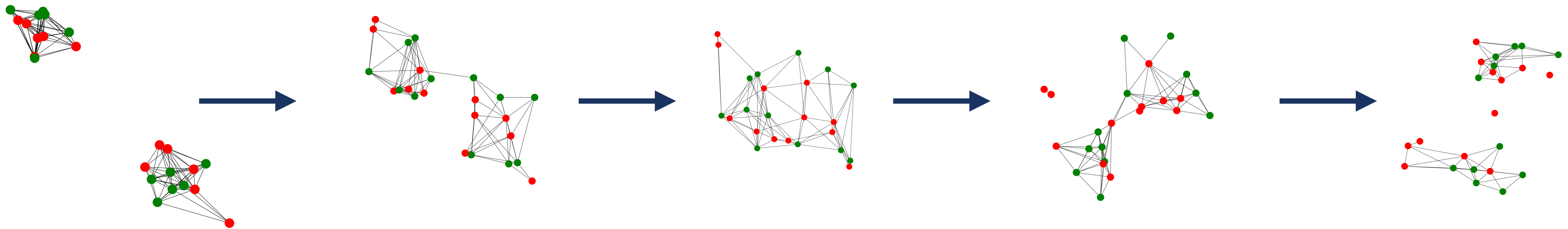
# Graph Network-based Simulators (GNS)





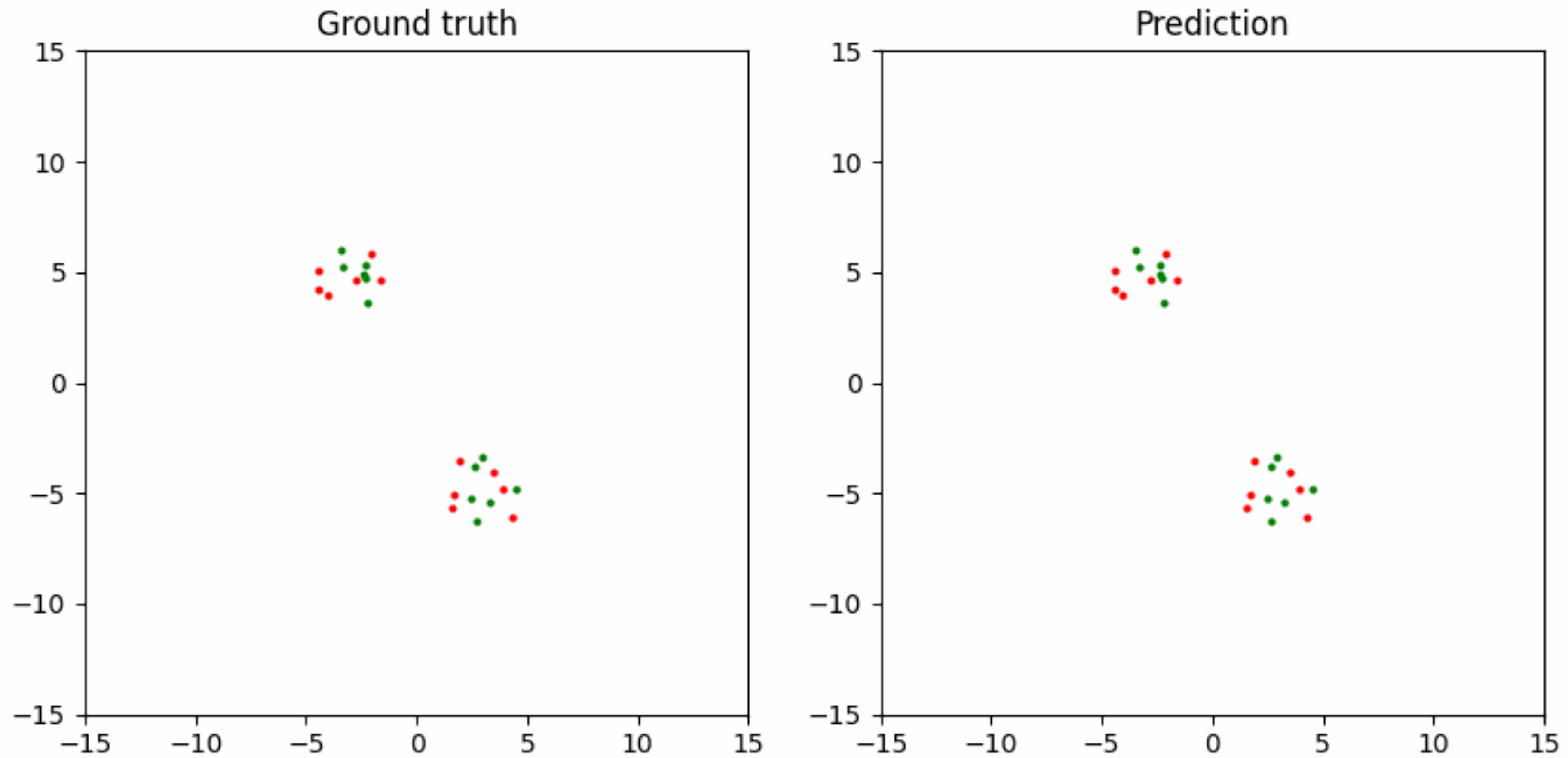
# GNN approach

Emulating the dynamics of **QMD** in  $^{12}\text{C}$  on  $^{12}\text{C}$  reaction at **12 MeV/u**



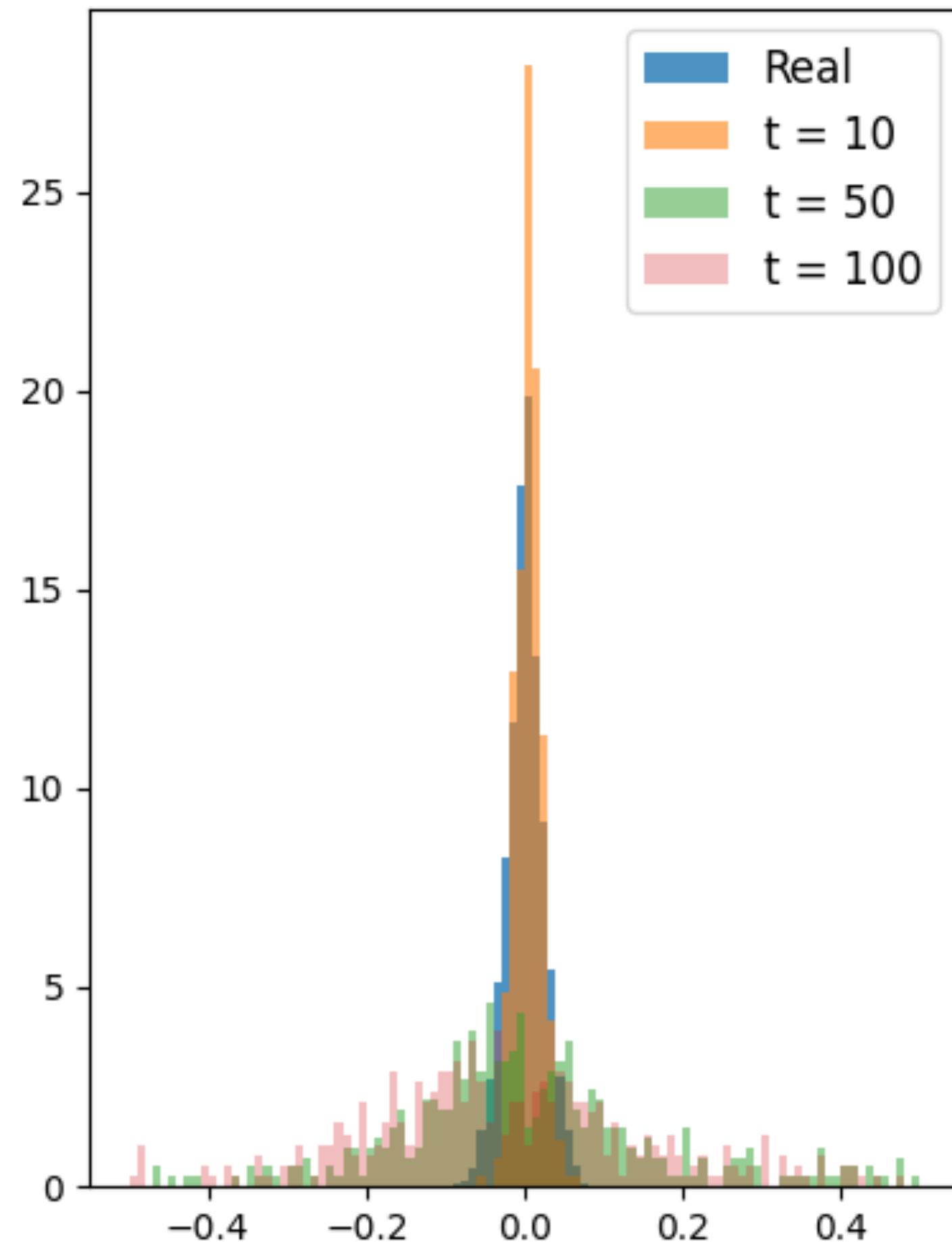
Each nucleon is a node of the graph

# Visually satisfying results...



# ... which are not Physical

Momentum on z axis



In the **best case scenario**:

Quantities are conserved on average

Variance explodes increasing time steps

Cannot be used to infer physical quantities  
at the end of the reaction



# Differences in the Physics

## QMD, BLOB

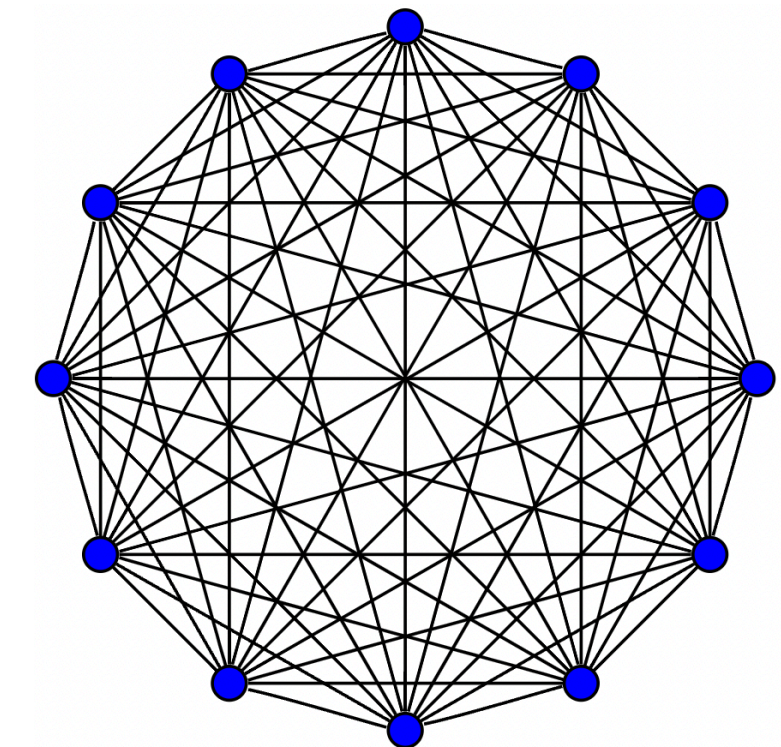
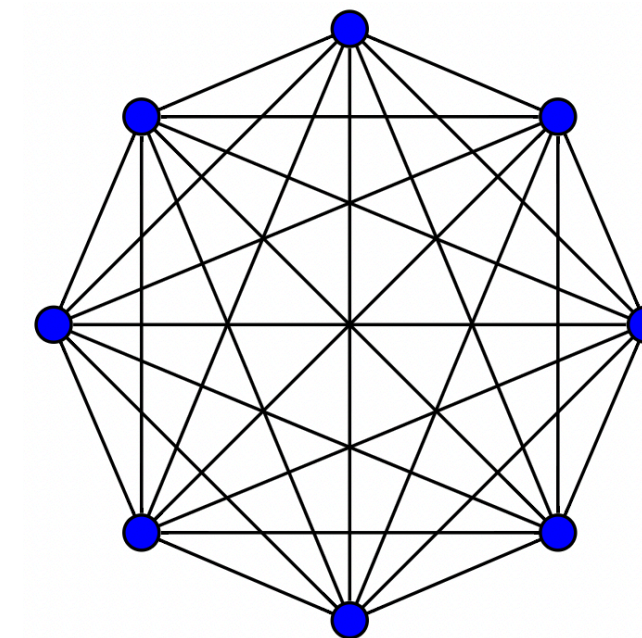
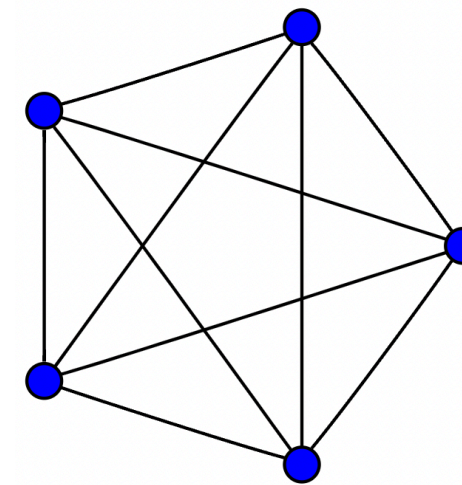
Long range interactions  
Collisions

## Liquid simulations

Short range interactions  
Gravity

➔ Building **fully connected** graphs

Feasible only for  
limited number of nodes  
(**QMD**)



$$N_{edges} \propto N^2$$

# Proposed approach

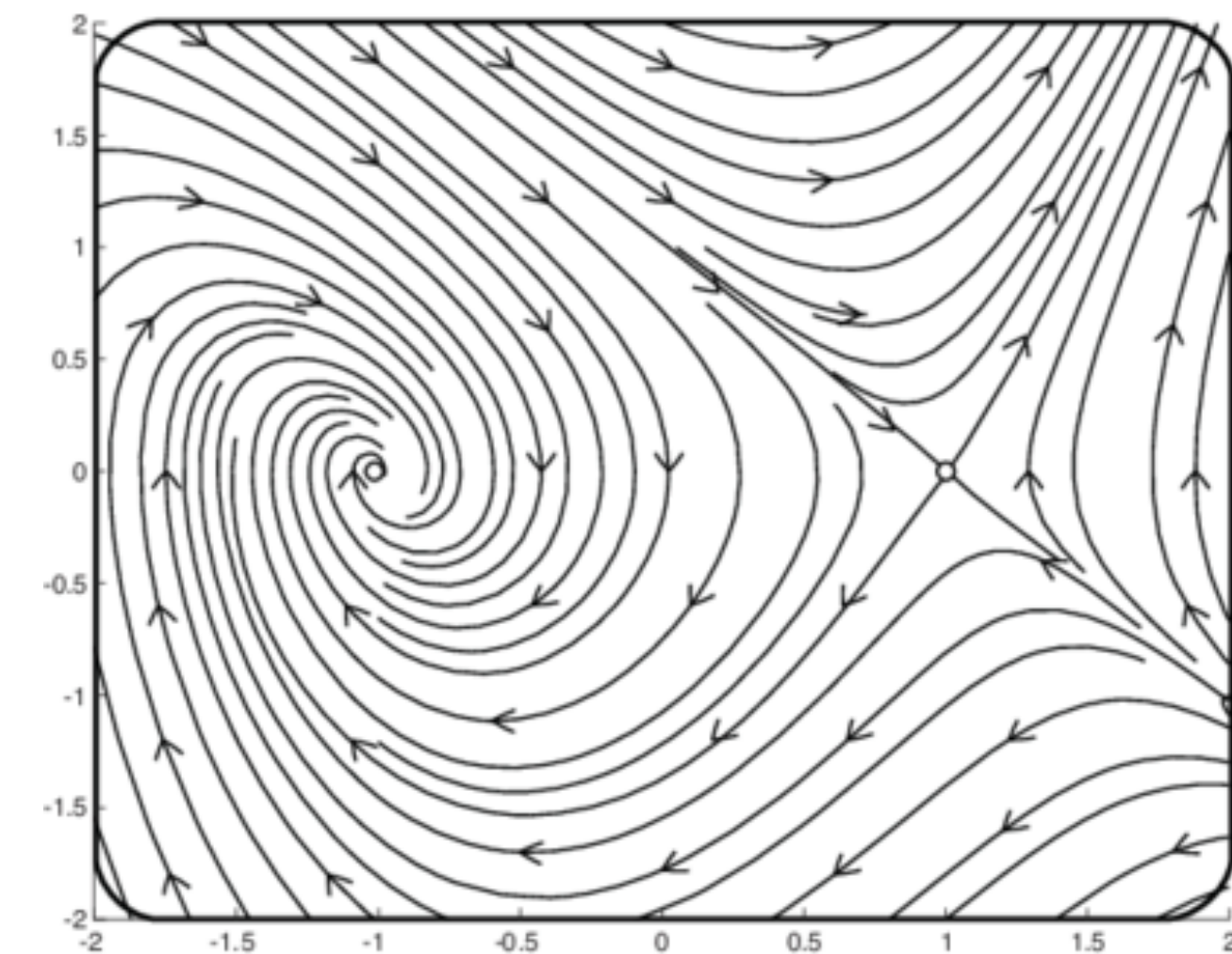
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Emulating the **Potential**  
acting on each node



# Why the Potential

## Three good reasons

Get more **control** on the Physics

**Speed** up: Potential computation is the Bottleneck

**Improving** Mean Field

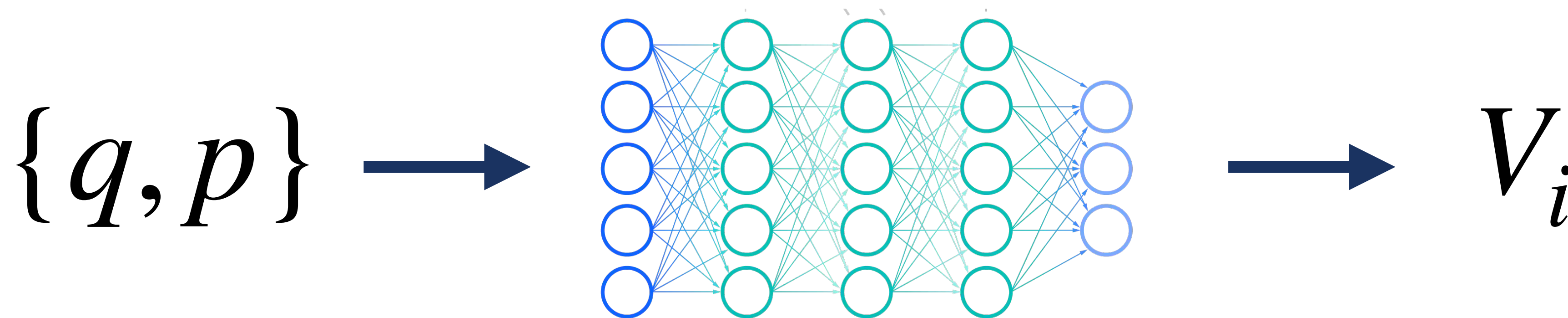


# Why the Potential

Get more control on the Physics

No **blackbox** AI solution

DL computes a **known**,  
but complex function



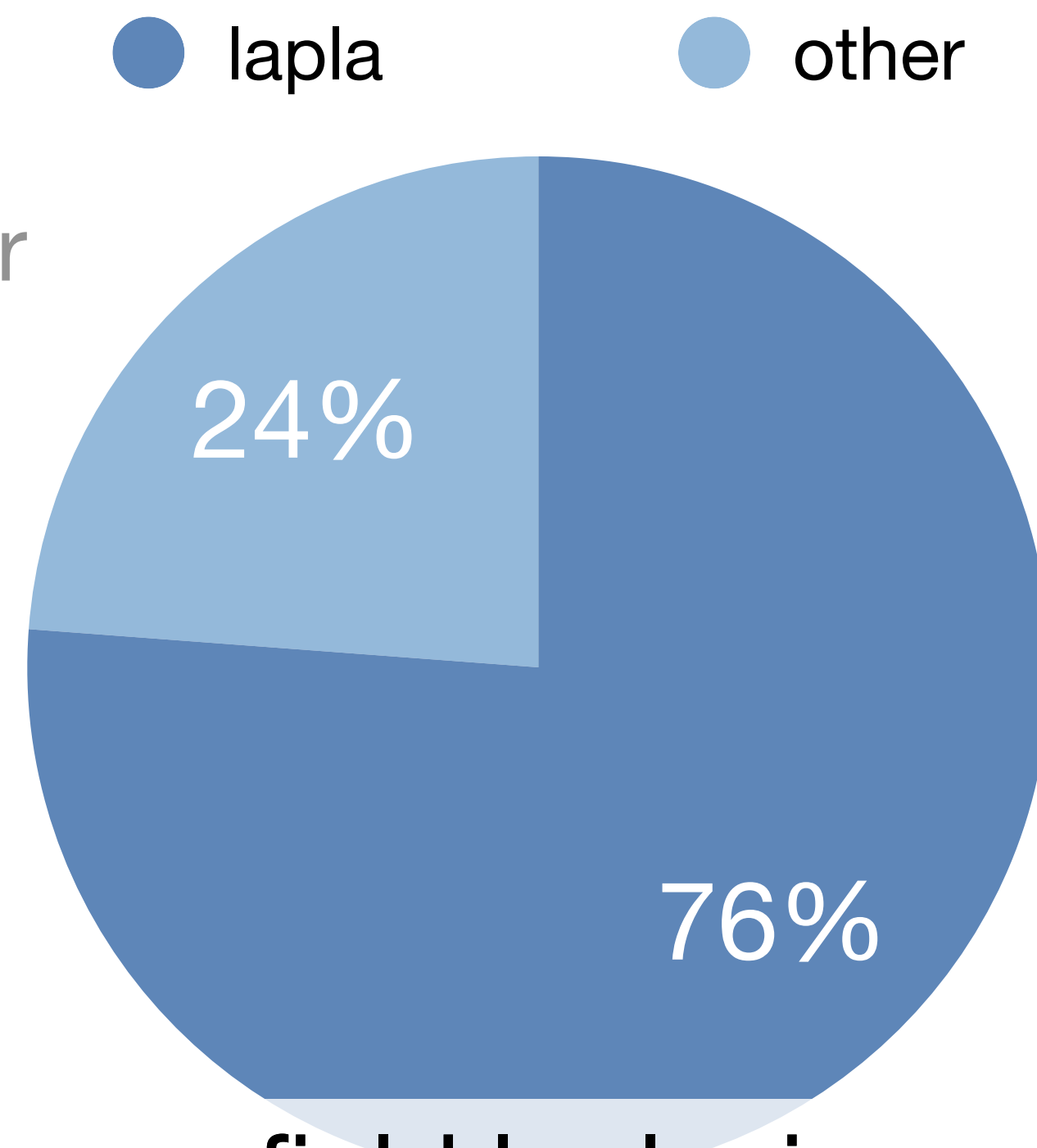
Enforce physical **conservation laws** in the model

# Why the Potential It is the Bottleneck

## Profiling BLOB

with Intel VTune Amplifier

~ 4 mins per  
interaction



3 mins: computing mean field laplacian

Elapsed Time <sup>?</sup>: **231.966s**

CPU Time <sup>?</sup>: 231.938s

Total Thread Count: 1

Paused Time <sup>?</sup>: 0s

### Top Hotspots

This section lists the most active functions in your application. Optimizing these hotspot functions typically results in improving overall application performance.

Function	Module	CPU Time <sup>?</sup>
lapla	run-orig	<b>176.281s</b>
erff	libm.so.6	17.201s
define_two_clouds_rp	run-orig	9.658s
sortrx	run-orig	7.018s
powf	libm.so.6	5.377s
[Others]		16.403s

# Why the Potential

## Improving Mean Field

Learn **any potential** given particle coordinates

**No** more time and complexity **overload**

**Improve** Mean Field approximation

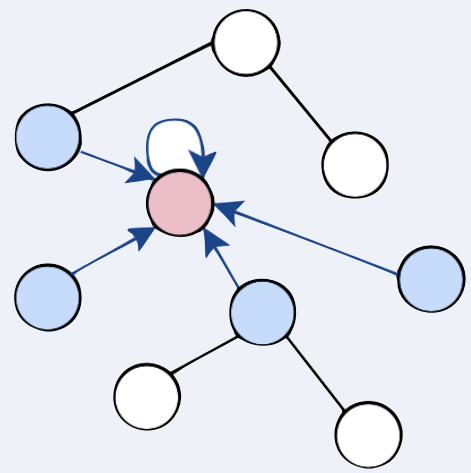


# Once you've learned the Potential

## Full Deep Learning

$V_i$

Accounts for long range interactions



GNNs predicts collisions

$\{q^t, p^t, V^t\}$

**FDL**

$\{q^{t+1}, p^{t+1}\}$

## Hybrid Models

Get  $F_i$  differentiating  $V_i$

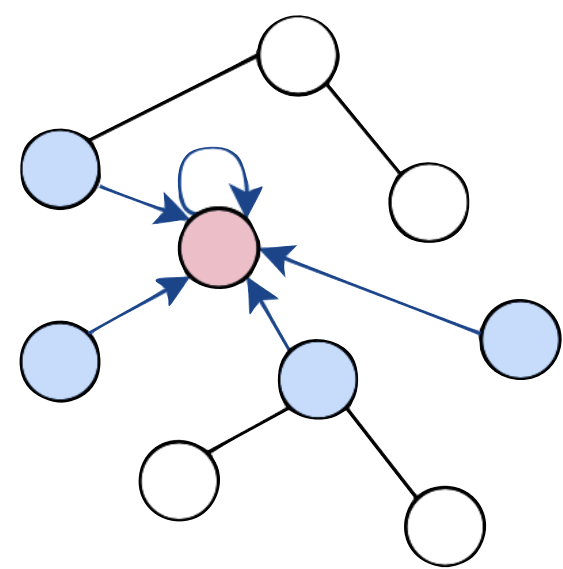
Integrate the equation of motion with standard methods

(Runge Kutta 4, ...)

# Once you've learned the Potential

Full Deep Learning

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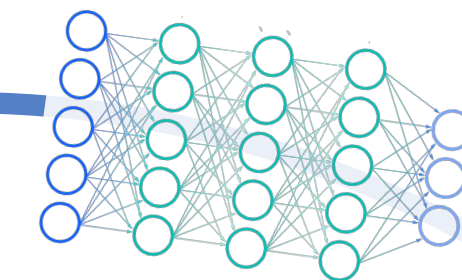


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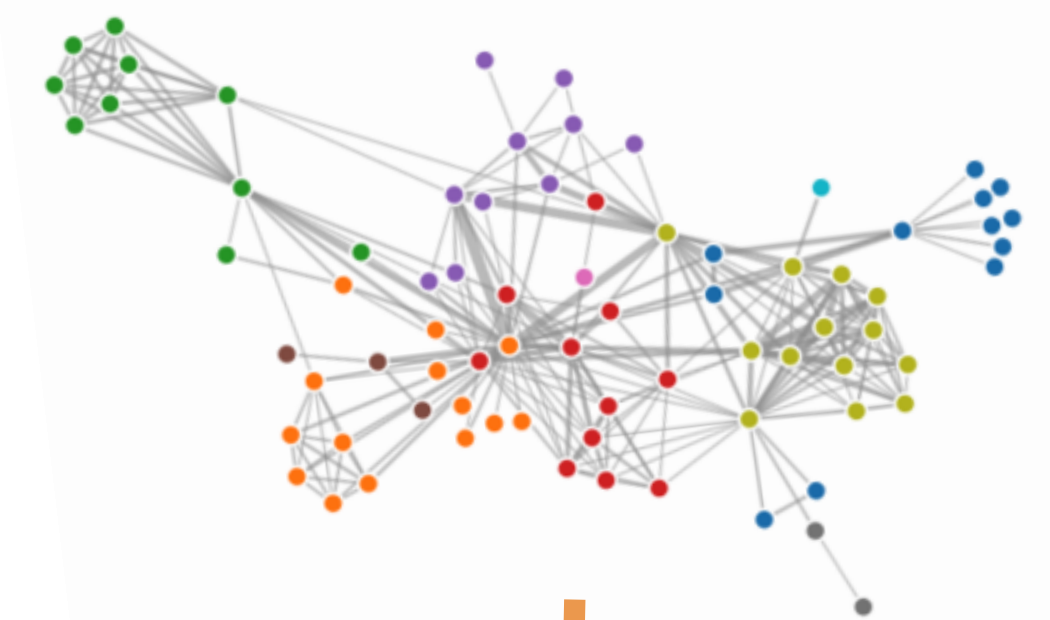
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No need for Fully Connected graphs

$\{q^t, p^t\}$

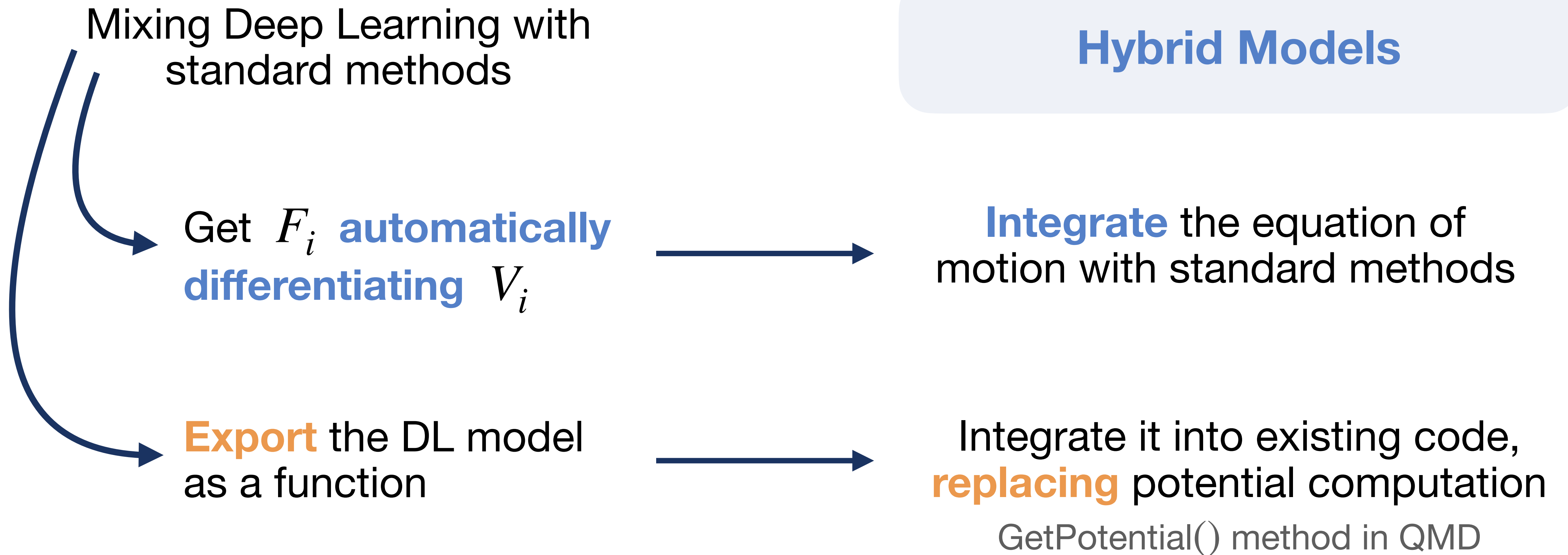


$\{V^t\}$



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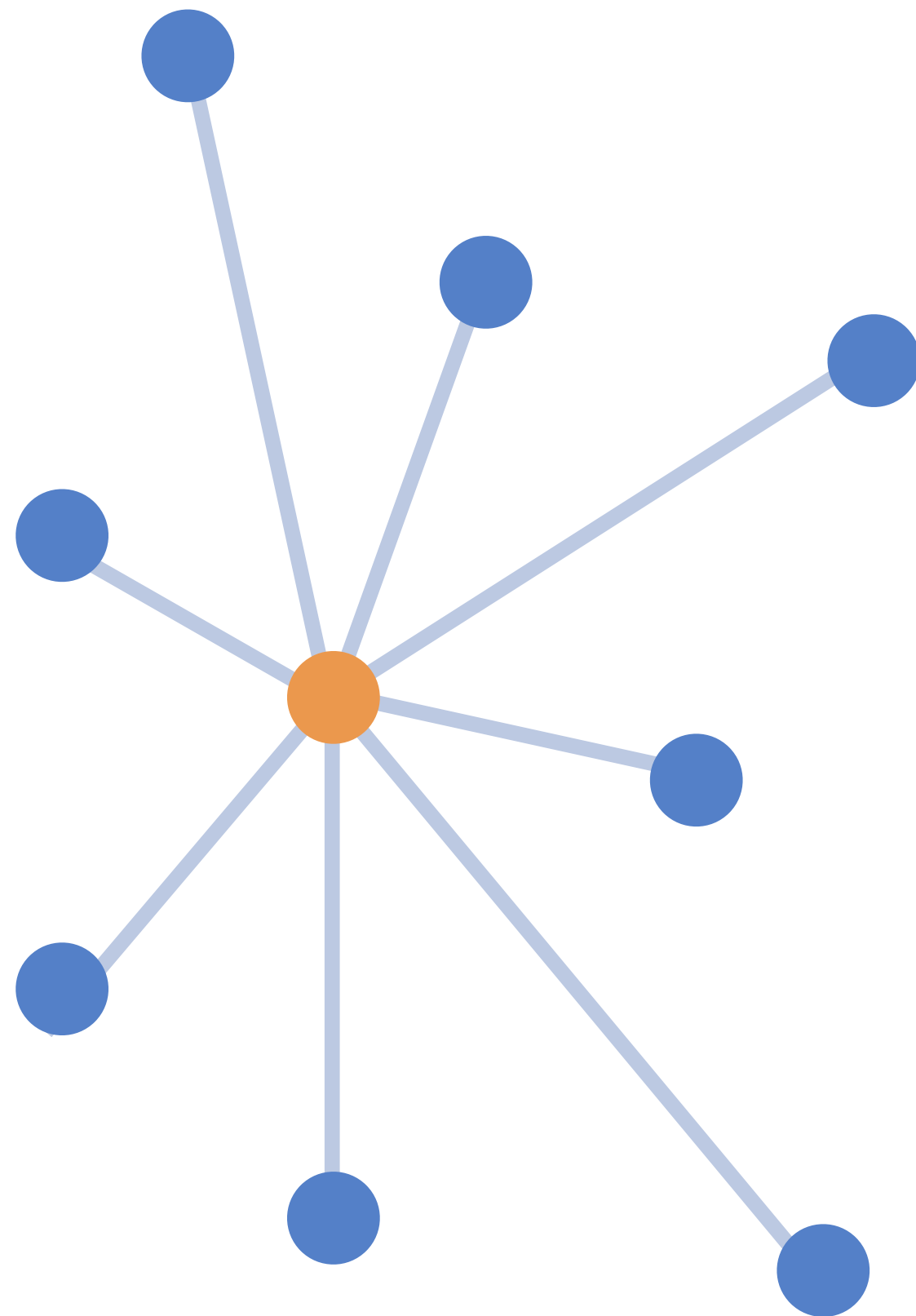
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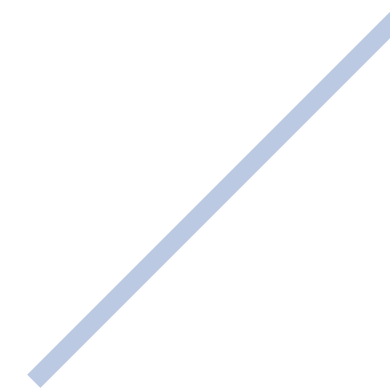


# Learning the Potential: DL model

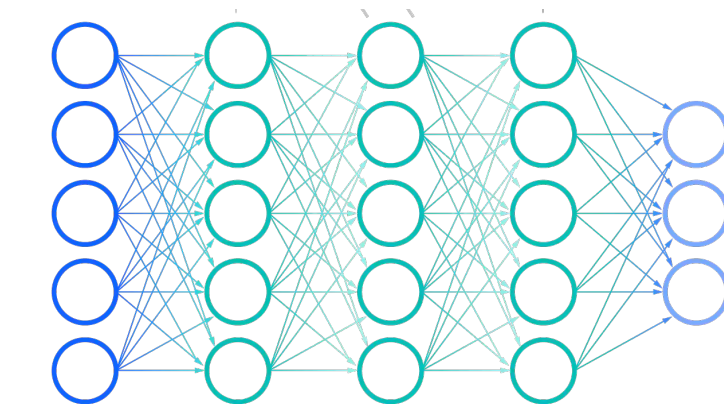
## Particle-wise MLP for Potential Prediction



$$V_i = \sum V_{ij} = \sum f(q_i, q_j, p_i, p_j, c_i, c_j)$$



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**MLP**

Embed particle exchange symmetry

# Learning the Potential: Preliminary results

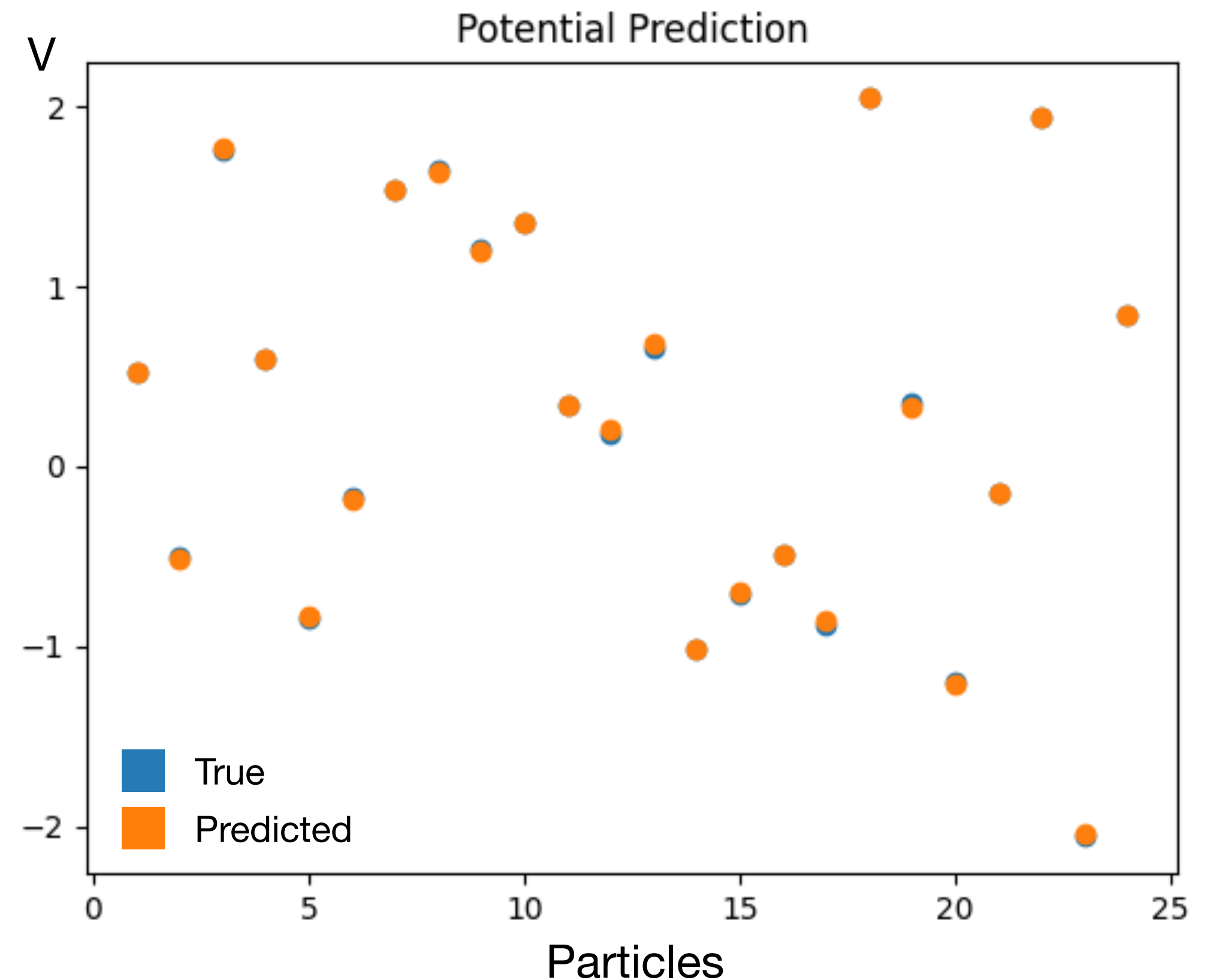
## Particle-wise MLP for Potential Prediction

**Model:** 5 layers MLP + ReLu + LayerNorm

**Data:** 23k stories  
10 events  
24 particles : ~5 M examples

**Training:** ~3 days training on Nvidia V100

**Results:** Mean Absolute Error: 0.0155



# Next Steps

**Full Deep Learning** approach to emulate QMD dynamics

**Potential prediction** on BLOB

**Exporting** the DL models in **ONNX** or using **Libtorch**

**Releasing** the code for **Geant4** integration (as an example?)



# Thank you for your attention!

- Nuclear interaction models in Geant4:
  - Sophisticated models are **slow**
  - No dedicated model under 100 MeV/u
- **Deep Learning** approach for model emulation
  - State-of-the-art approach **fails** on QMD dynamics
  - **Potential** prediction with Deep Learning
  - **Full** Deep Learning or **Hybrid** models

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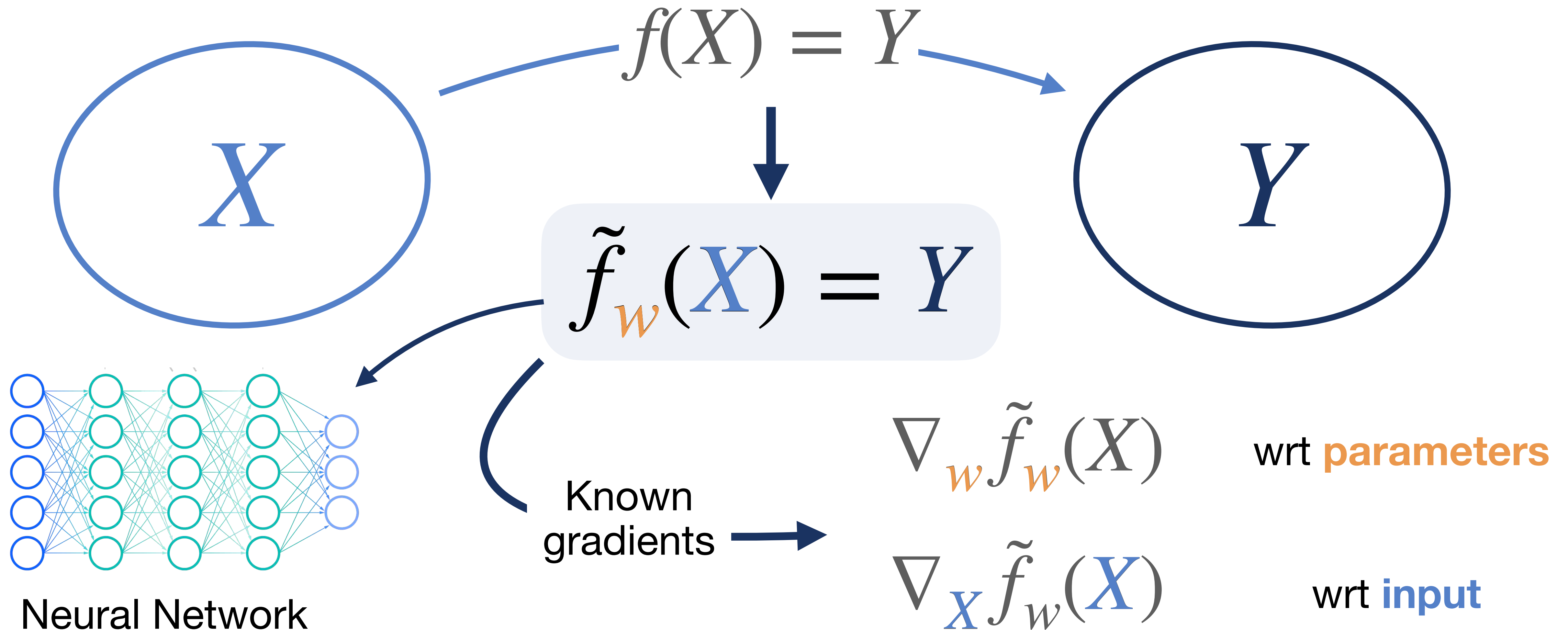


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**Backup slides**

# Deep Learning framework





# Differentiability

## Training a Neural Network

$$\nabla_w \tilde{f}_w(X)$$

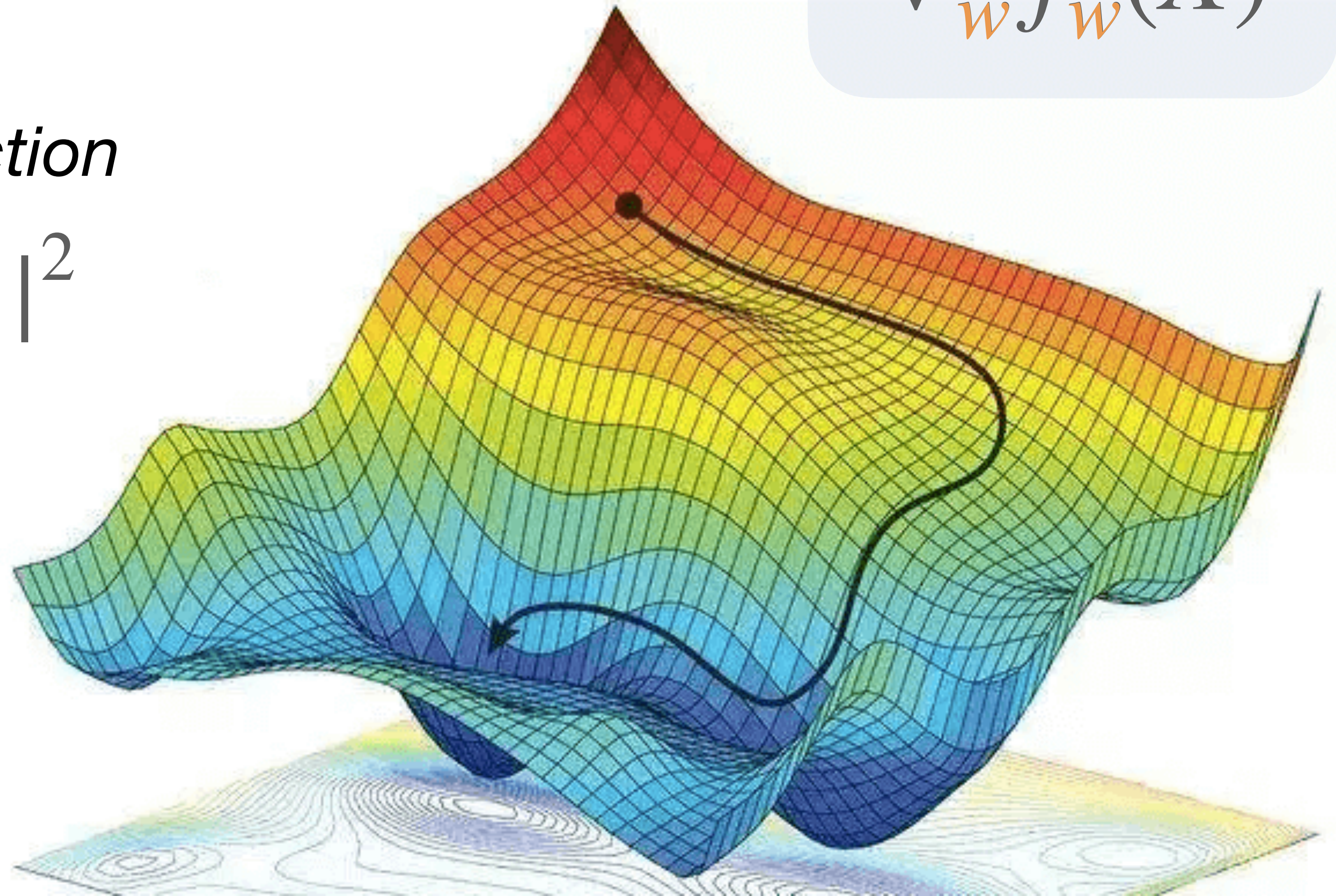
Minimization of a *Loss Function*

$$\mathcal{L}_w = |f(X) - \tilde{f}_w(X)|^2$$

Gradient descent



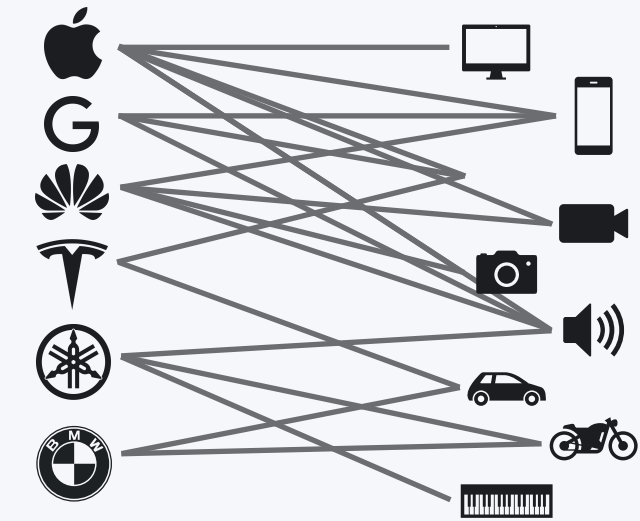
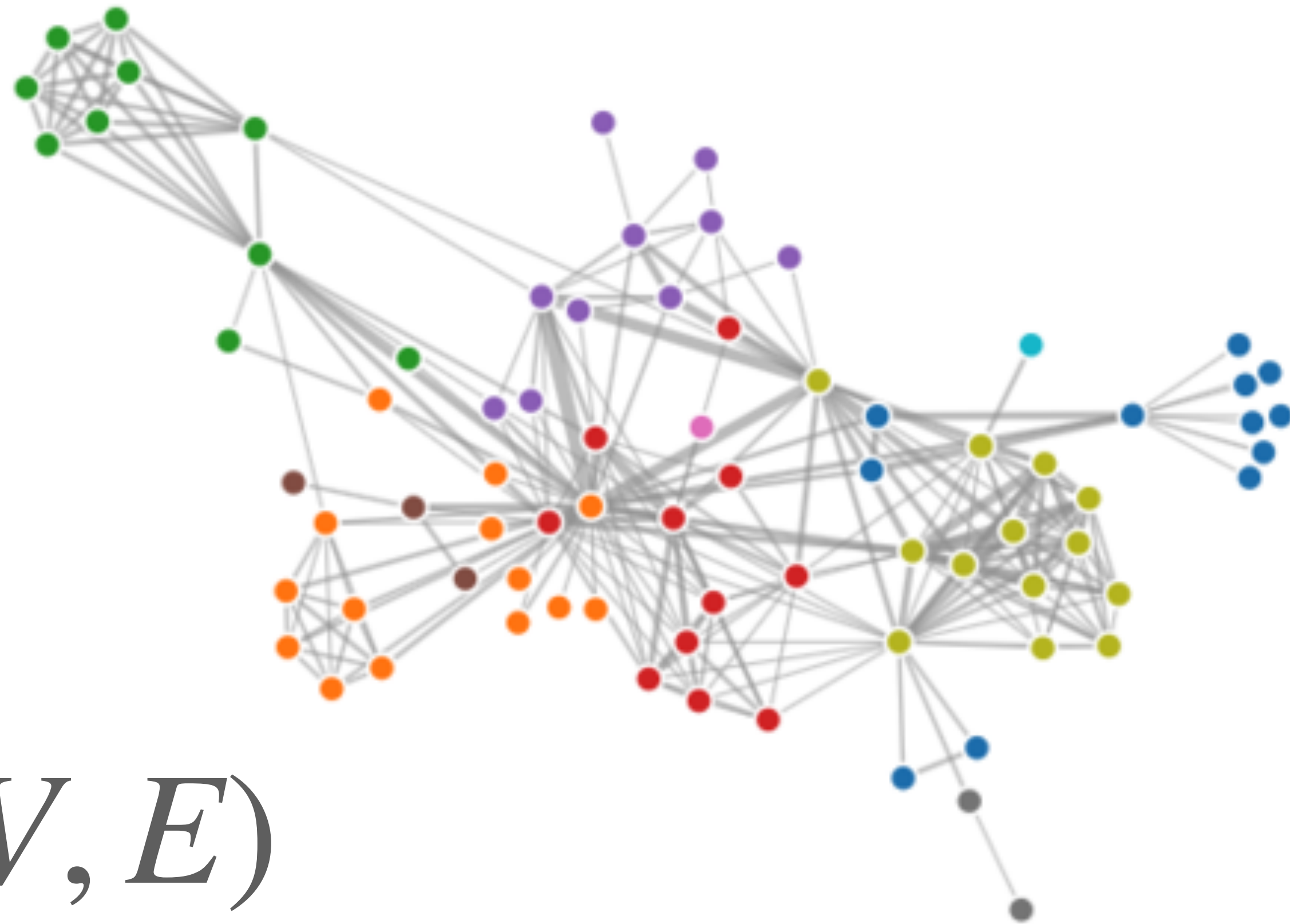
$$\min_w \mathcal{L}_w$$



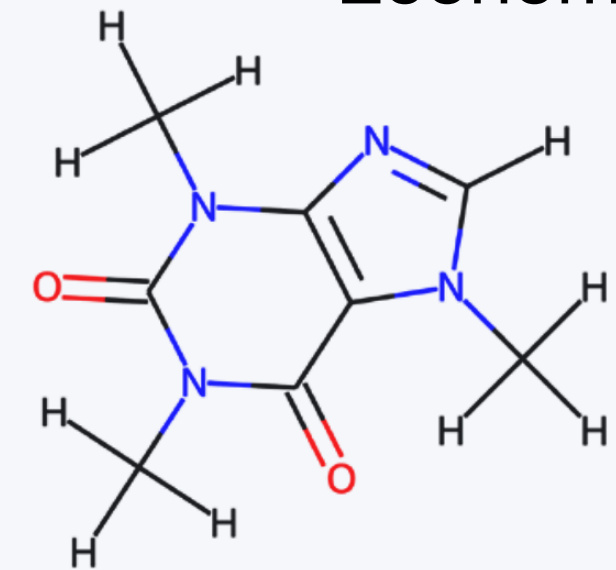


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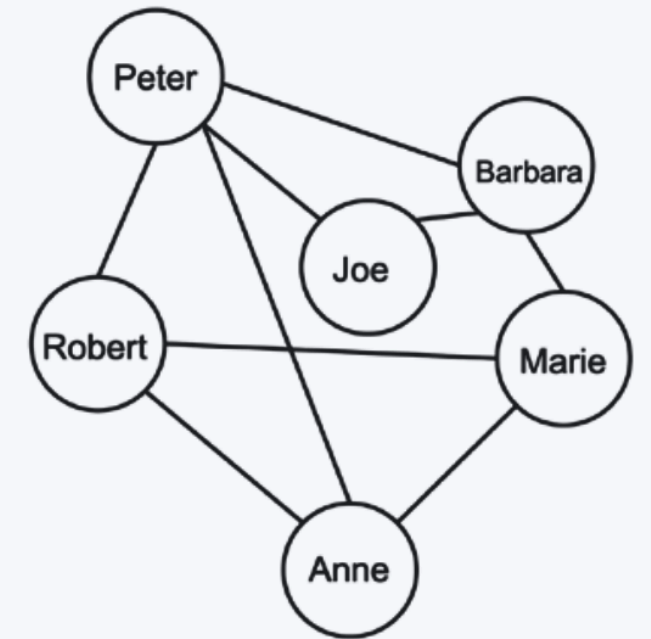
## Deep Learning on Graphs



Economics



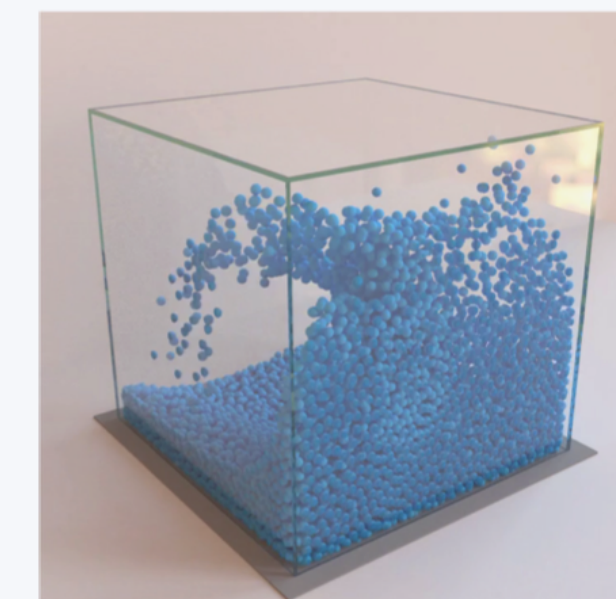
Molecules



Social Networks

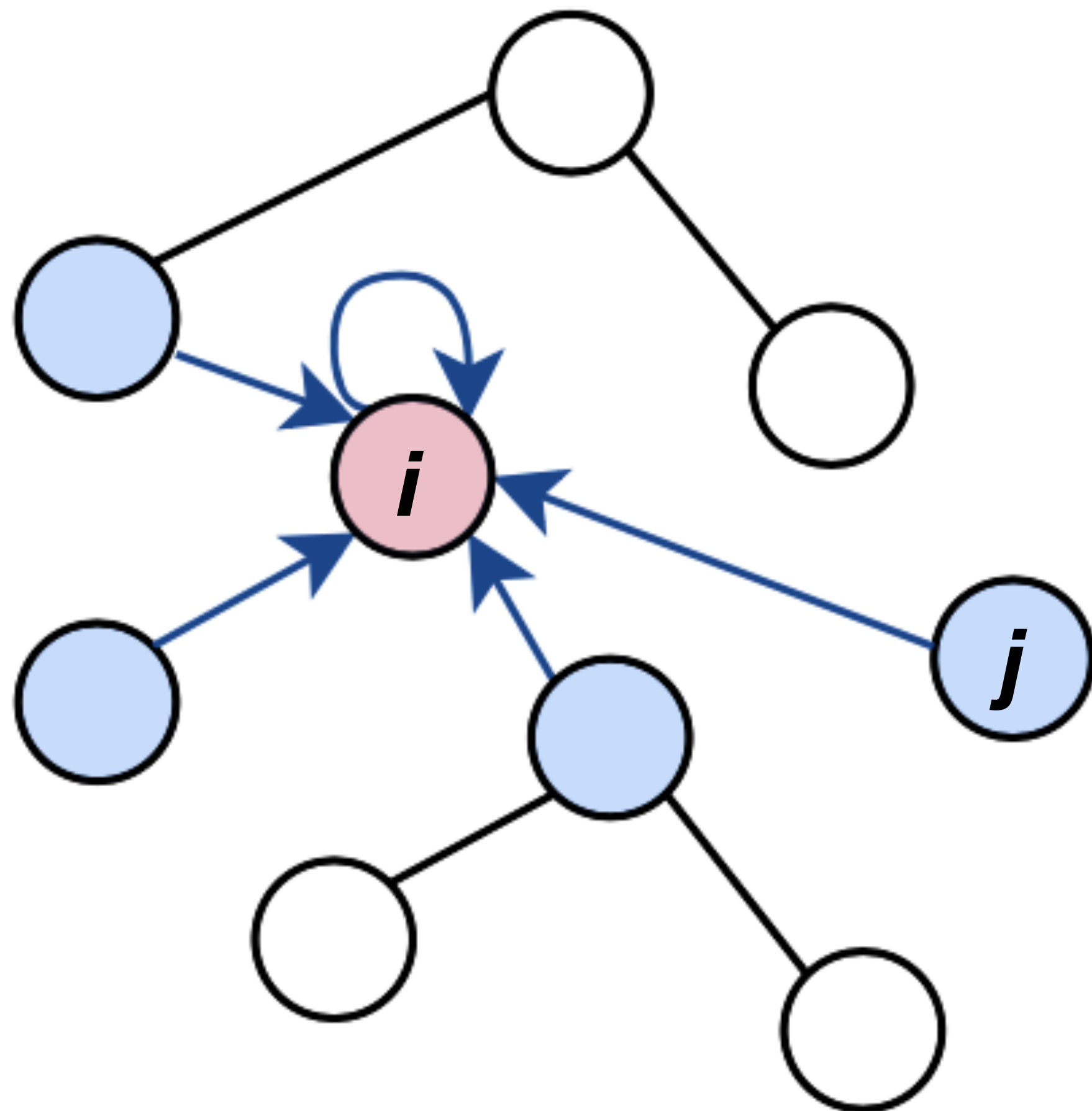


Point Clouds

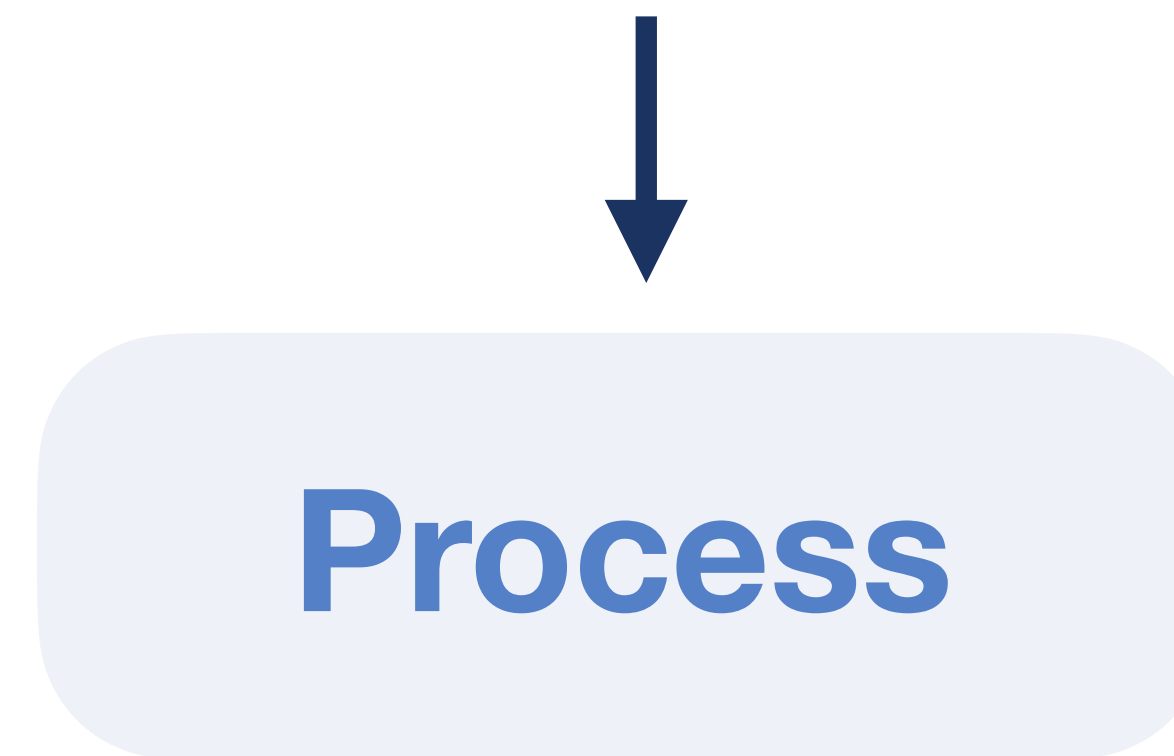


Physics Simulations

# Message passing



Neighborhood information



Learning on  
**nodes**



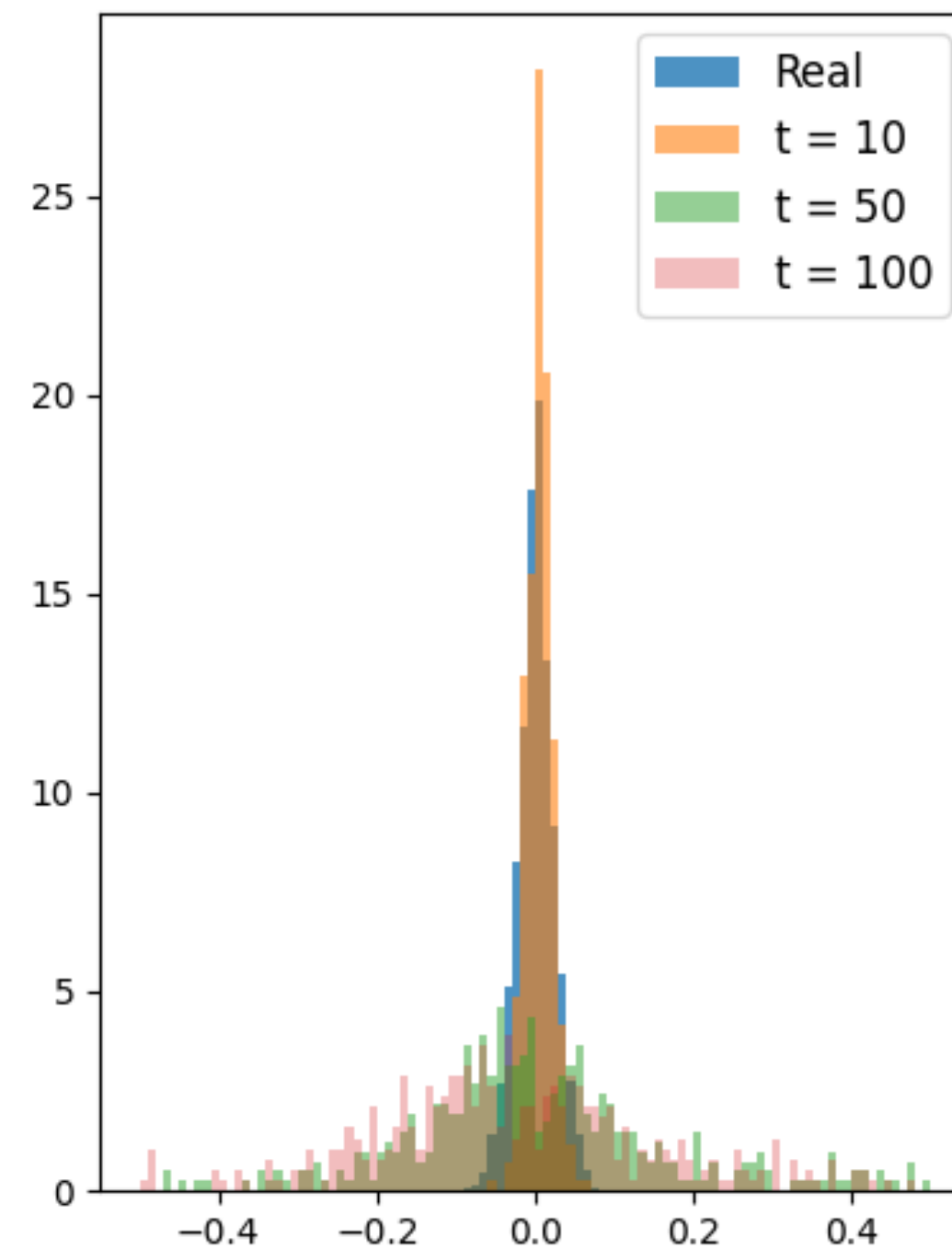
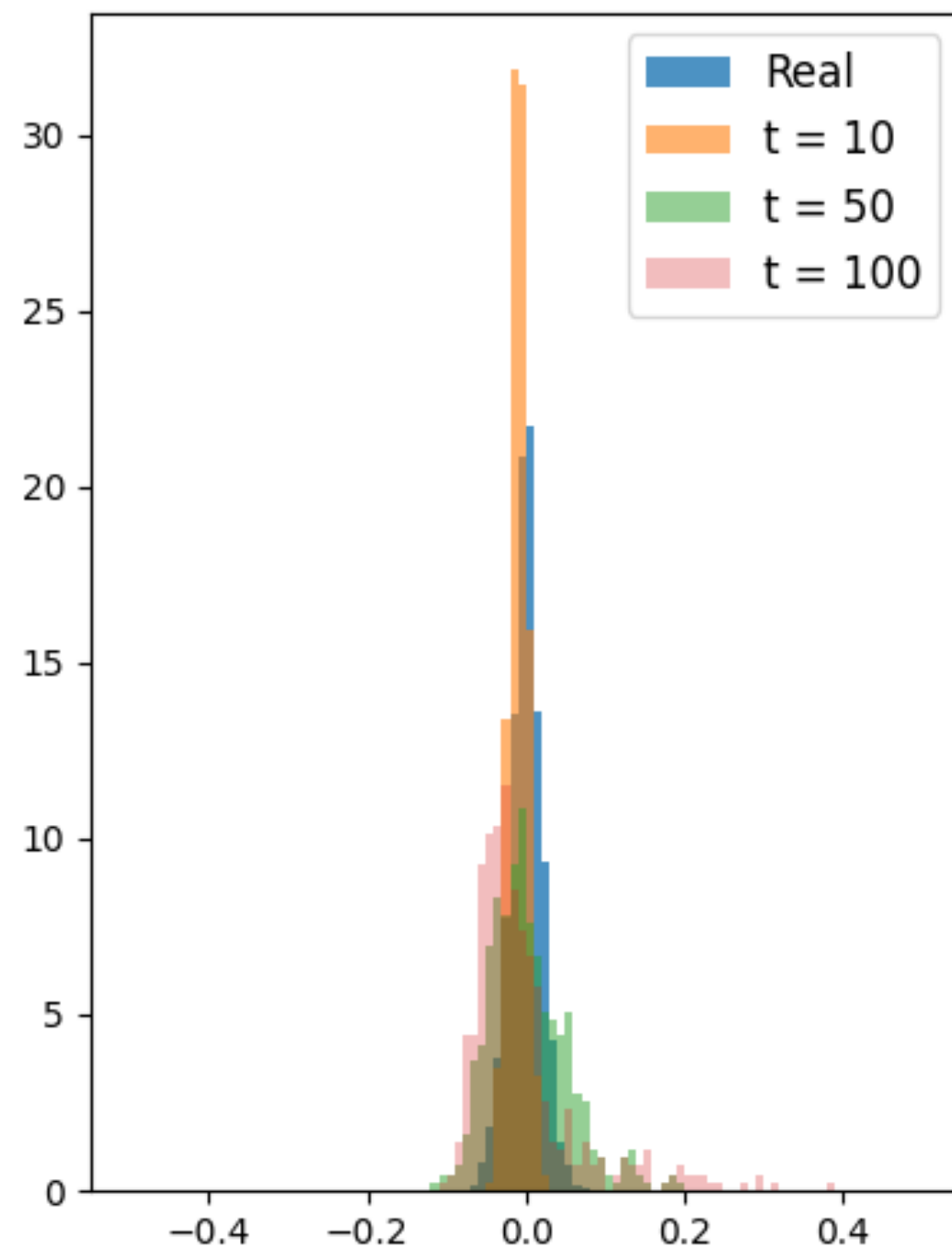
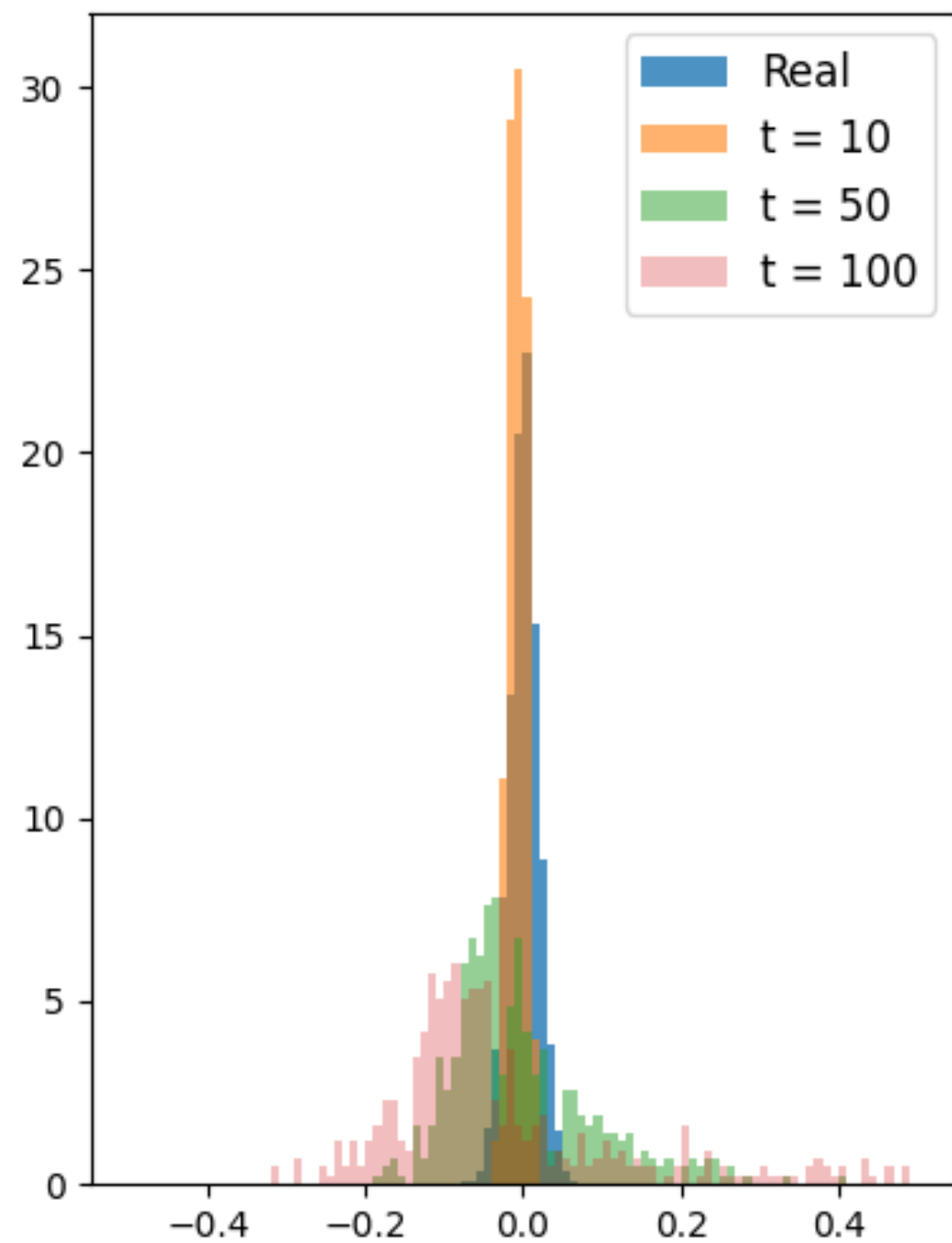
Learning on  
**edges**



# Momentum

Check Physical  
**conserved quantities**

Momentum Conservation



**QMD** conserves  
momentum on average

while

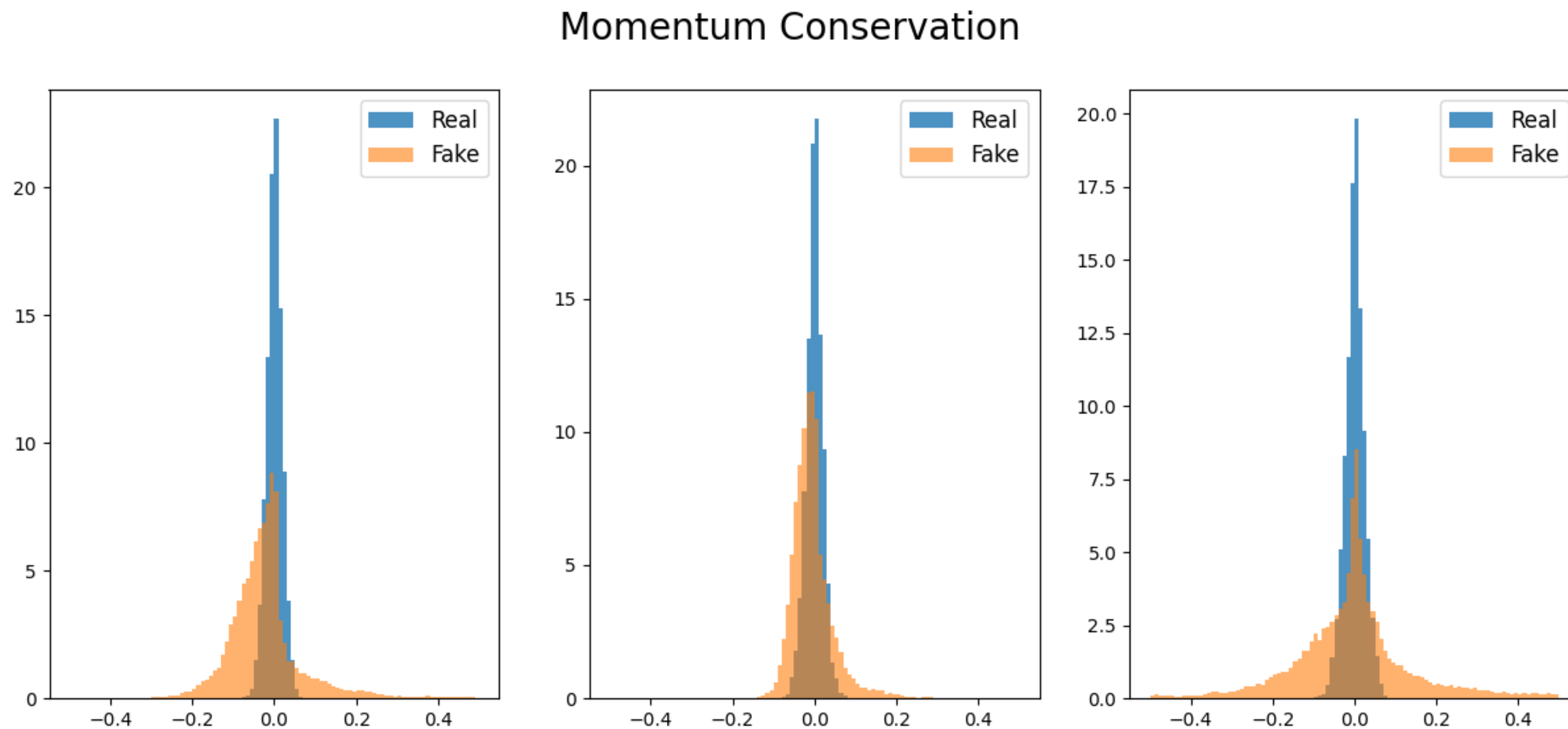
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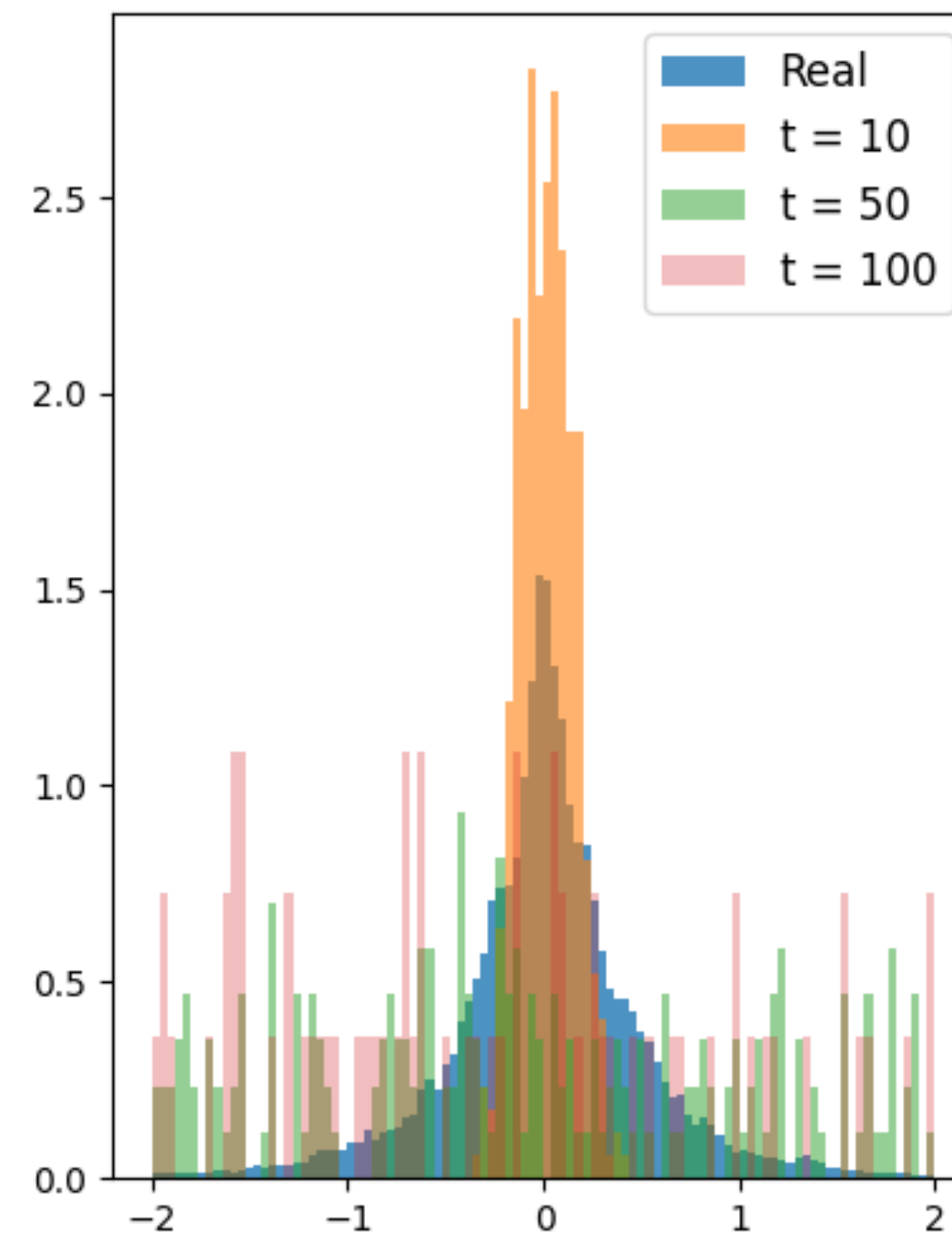
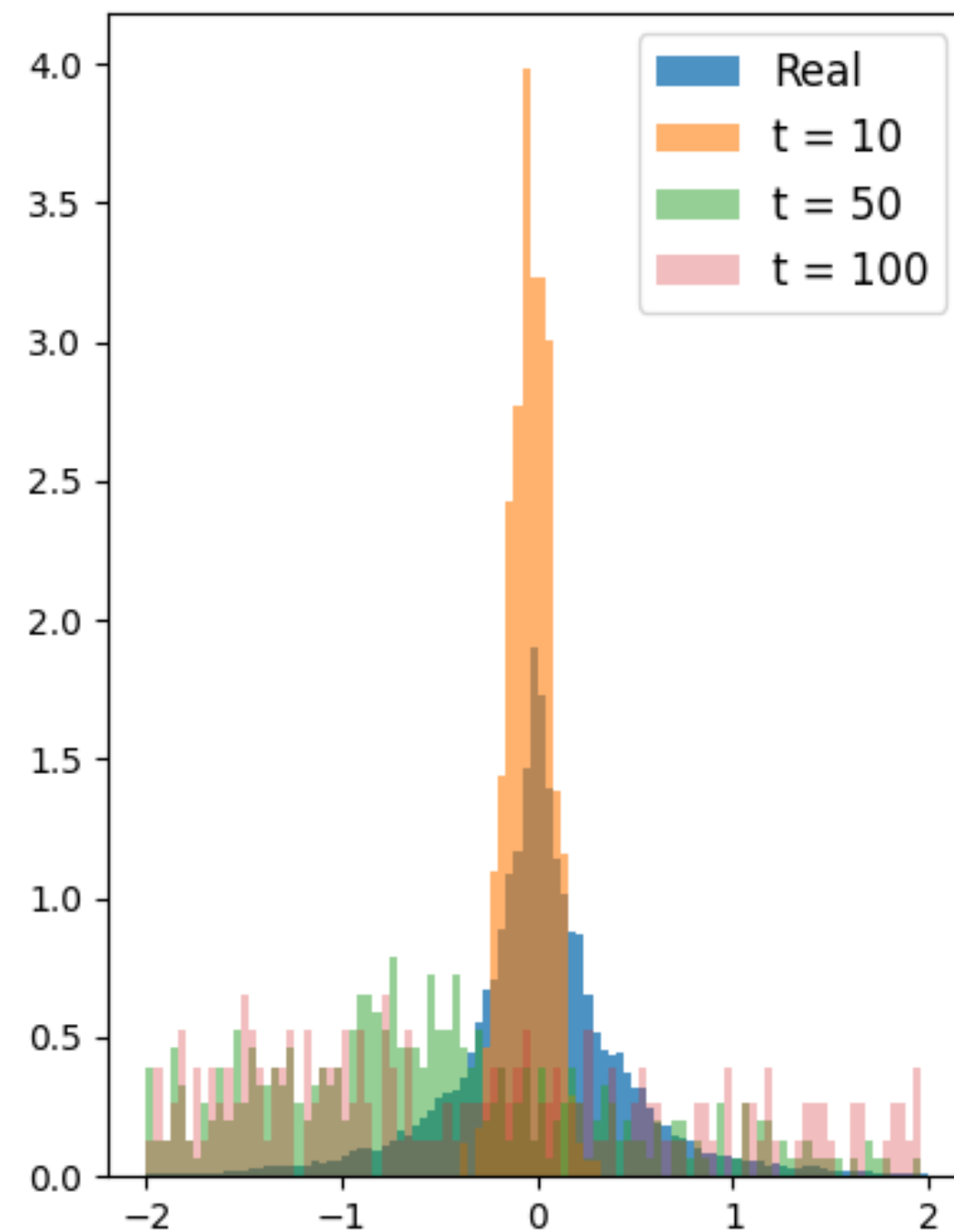
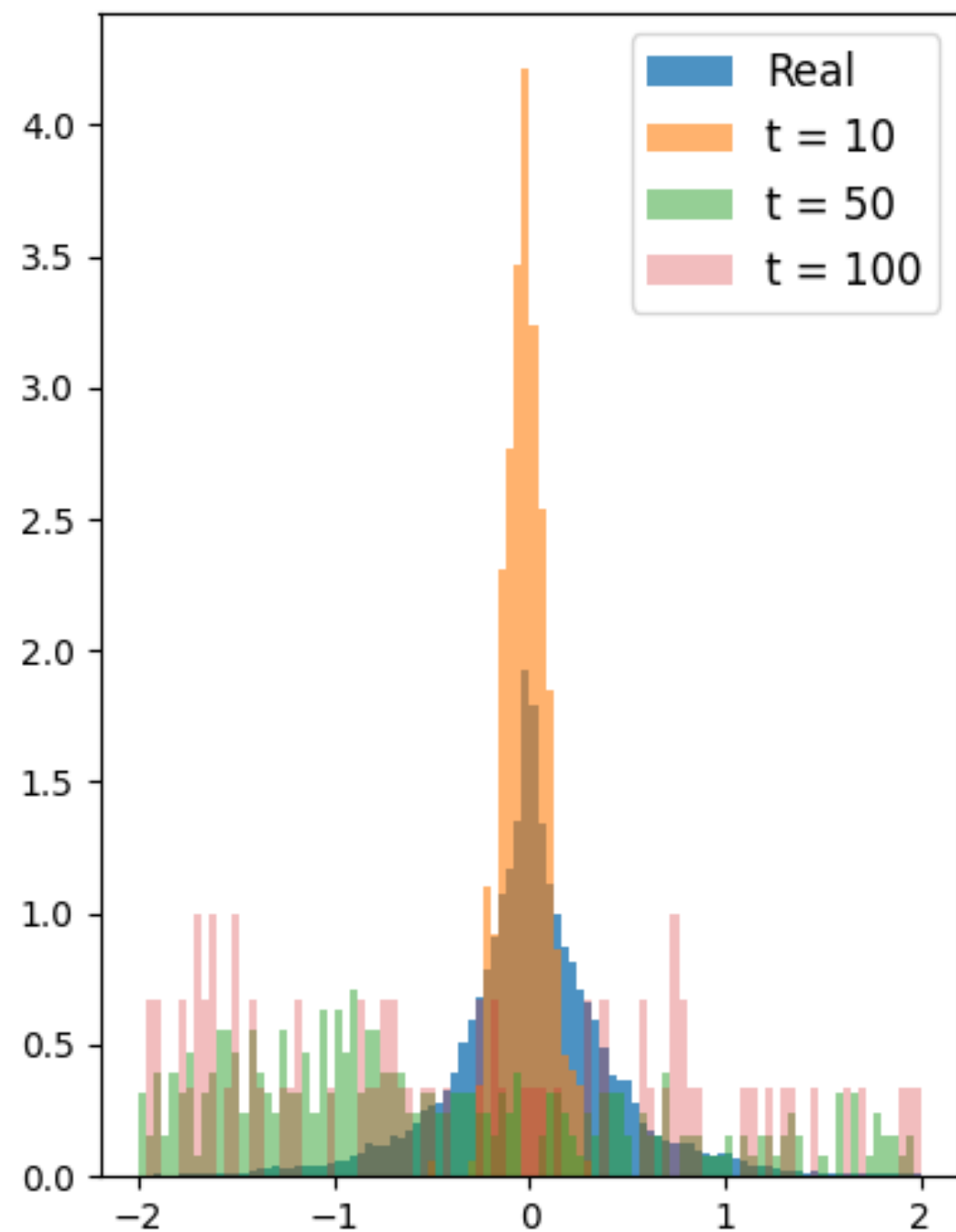
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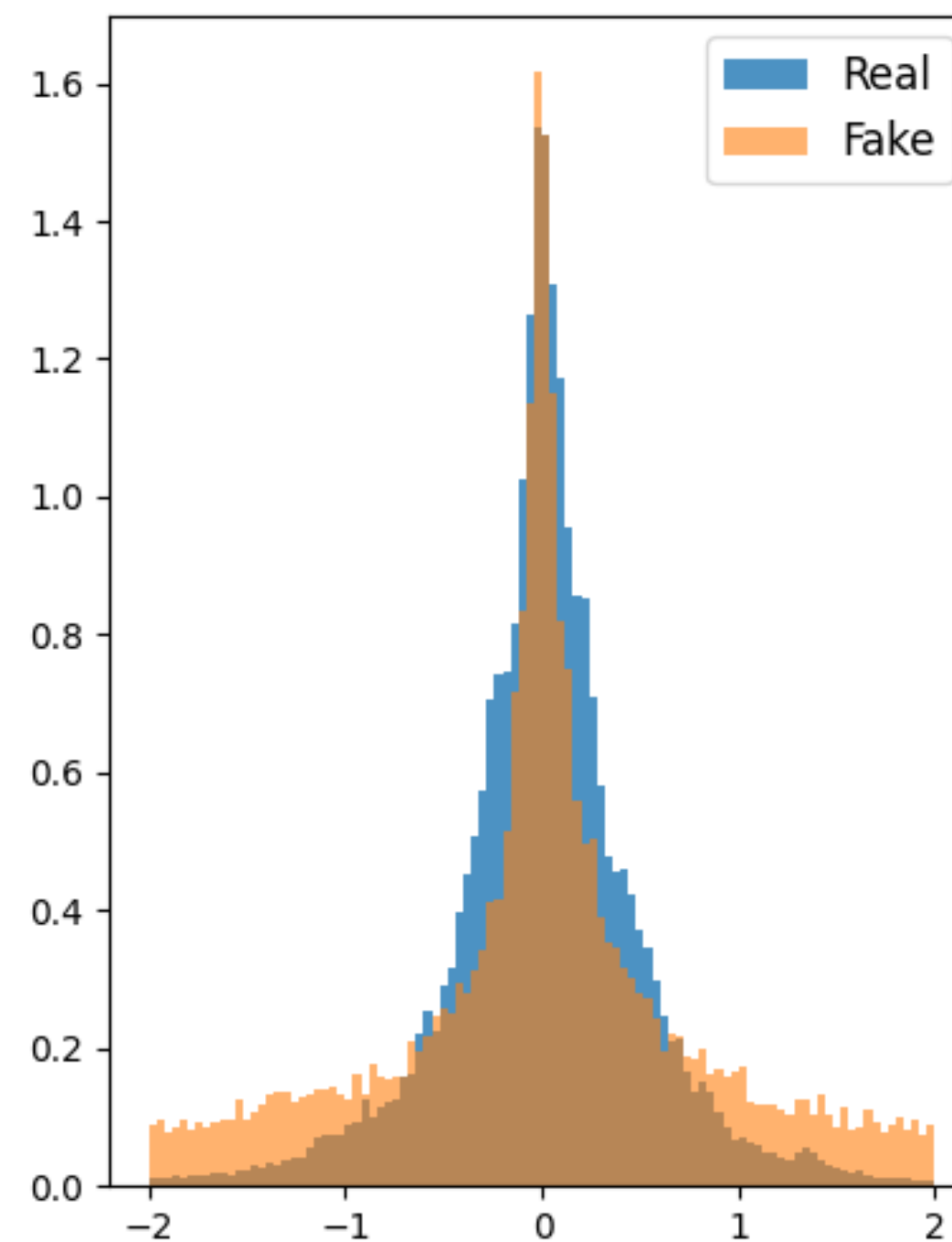
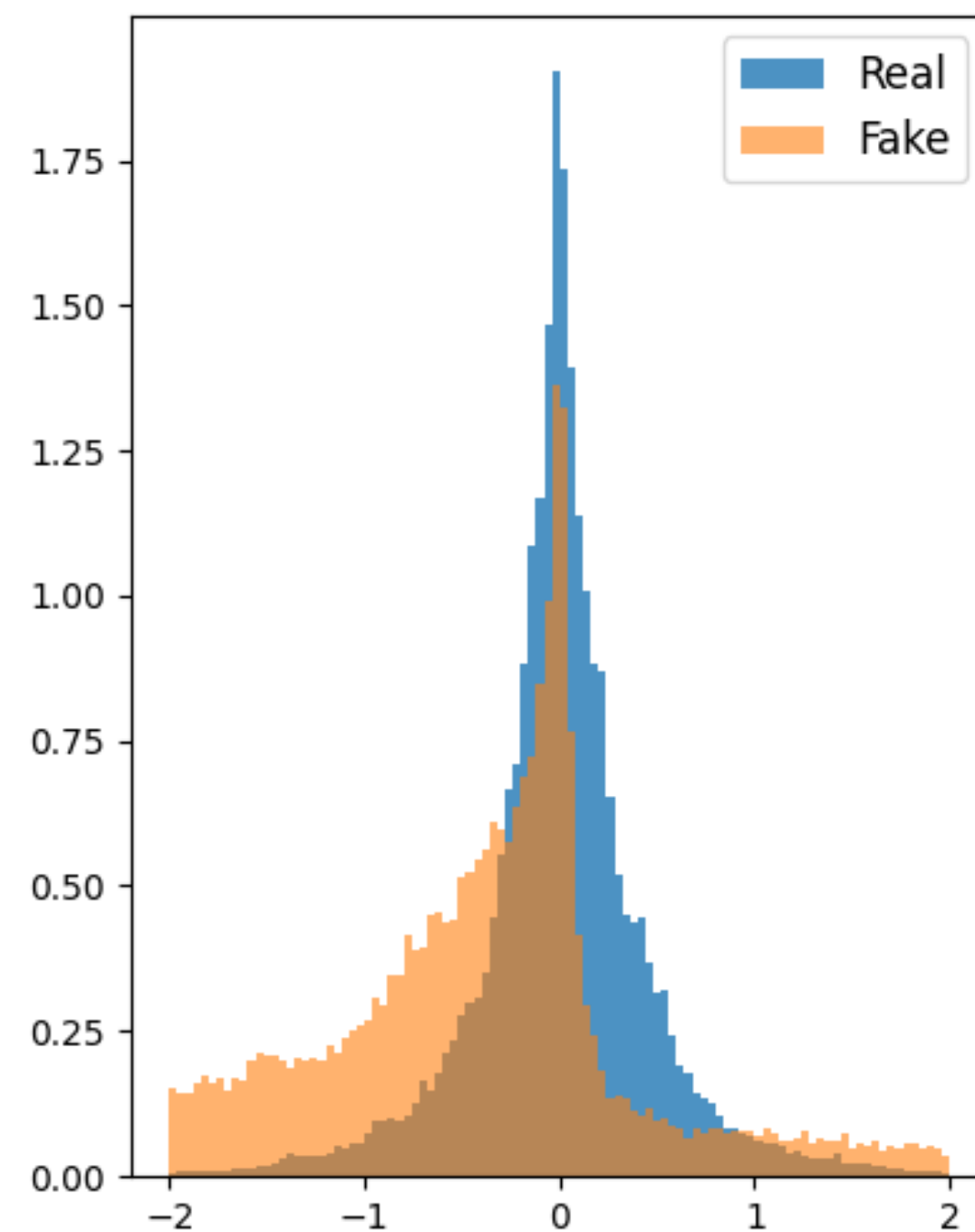
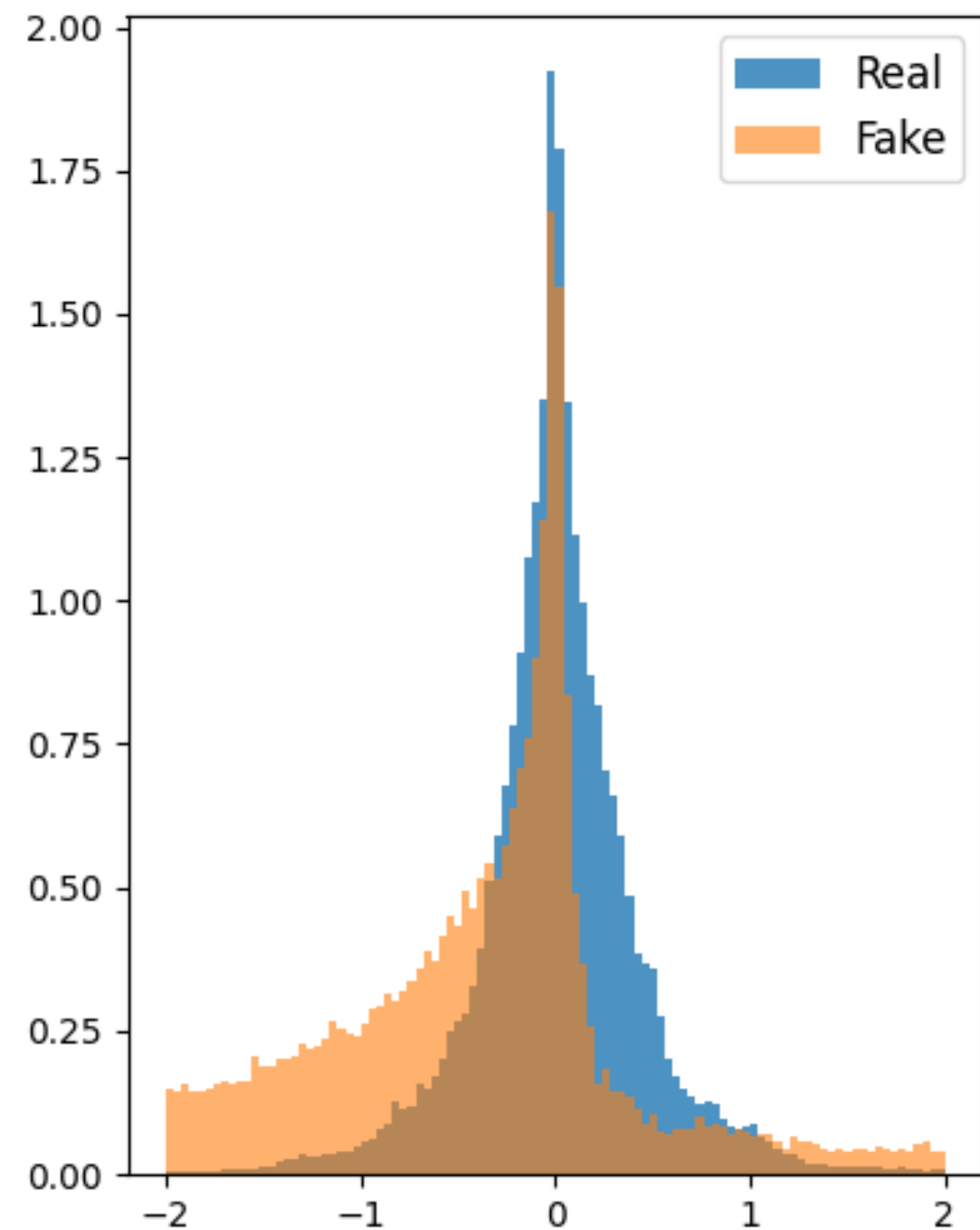
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